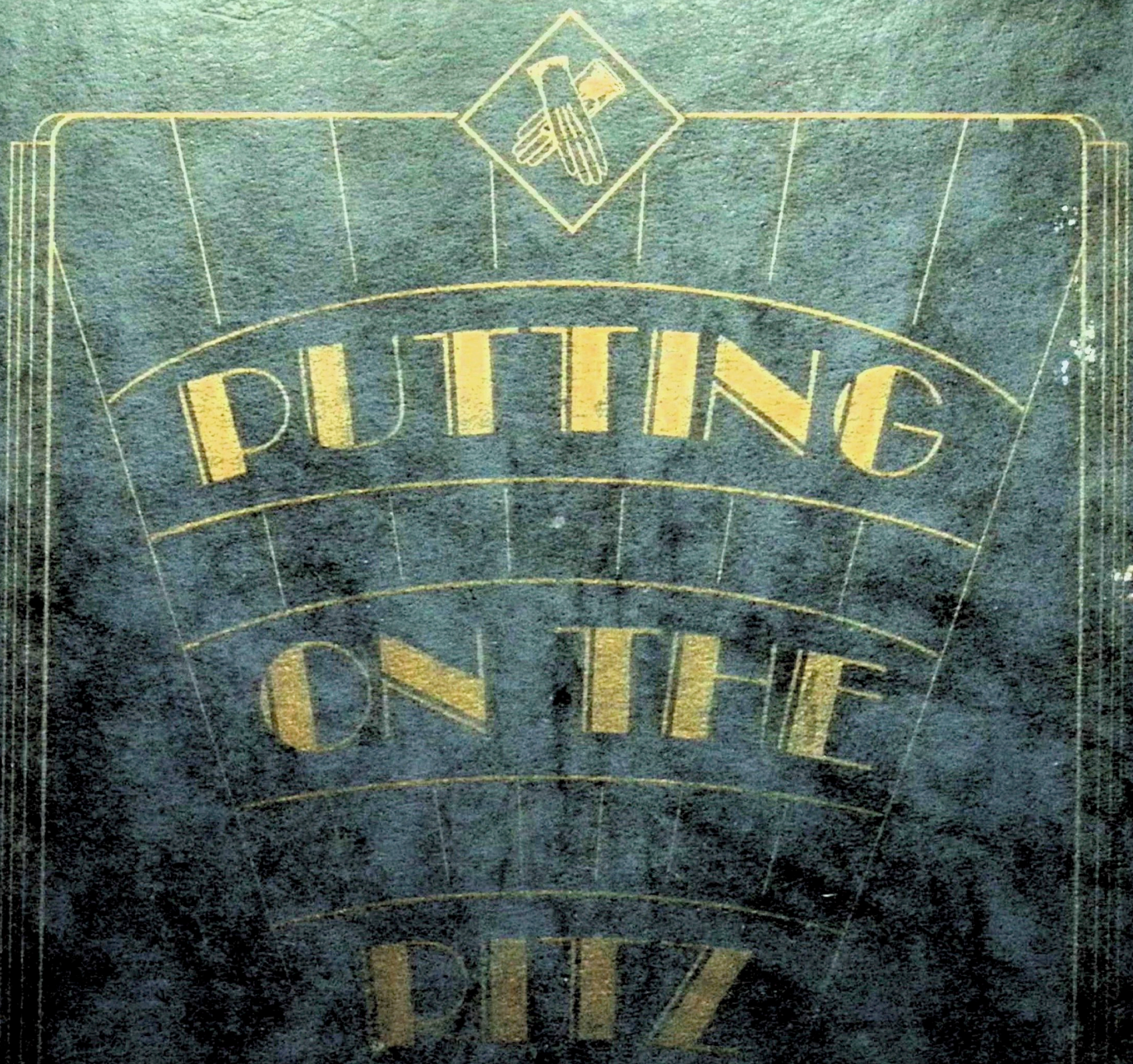
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New England Home for the Dead

# The Class of 1988

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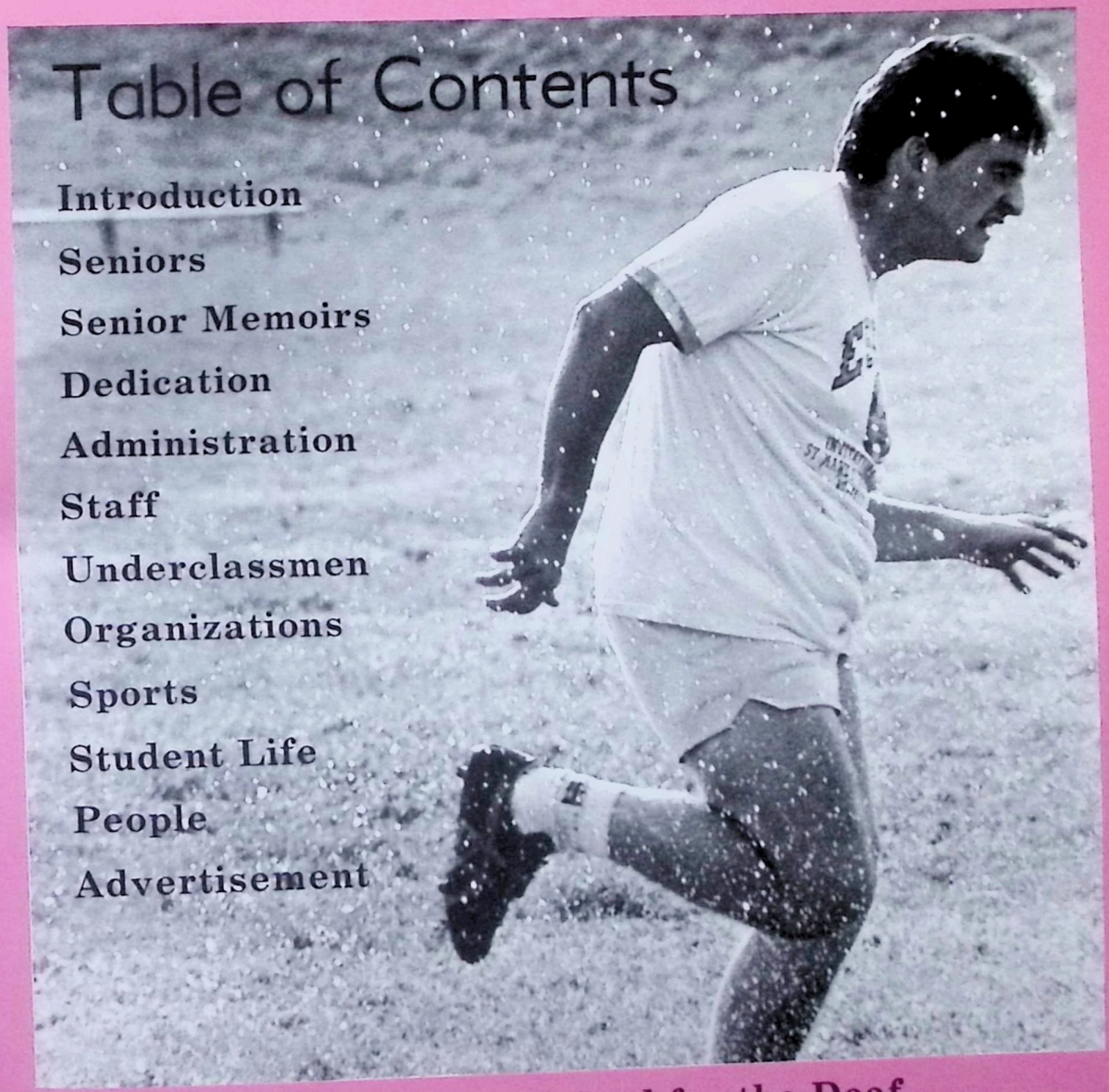

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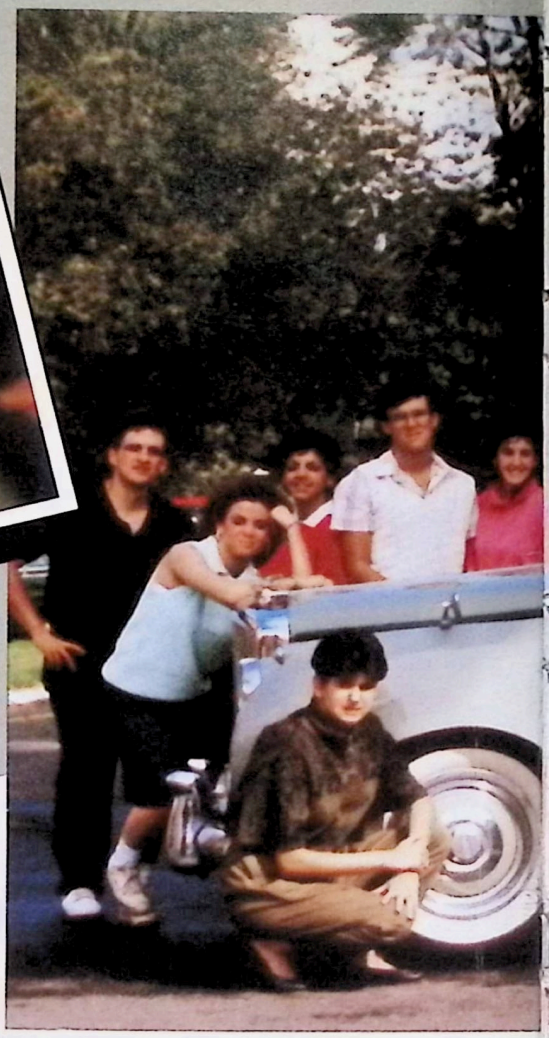
In the school dining room, senior **Carmelia Freeman** enjoys socializing after devouring her delicious Seiler's supper.



# Seniors Go

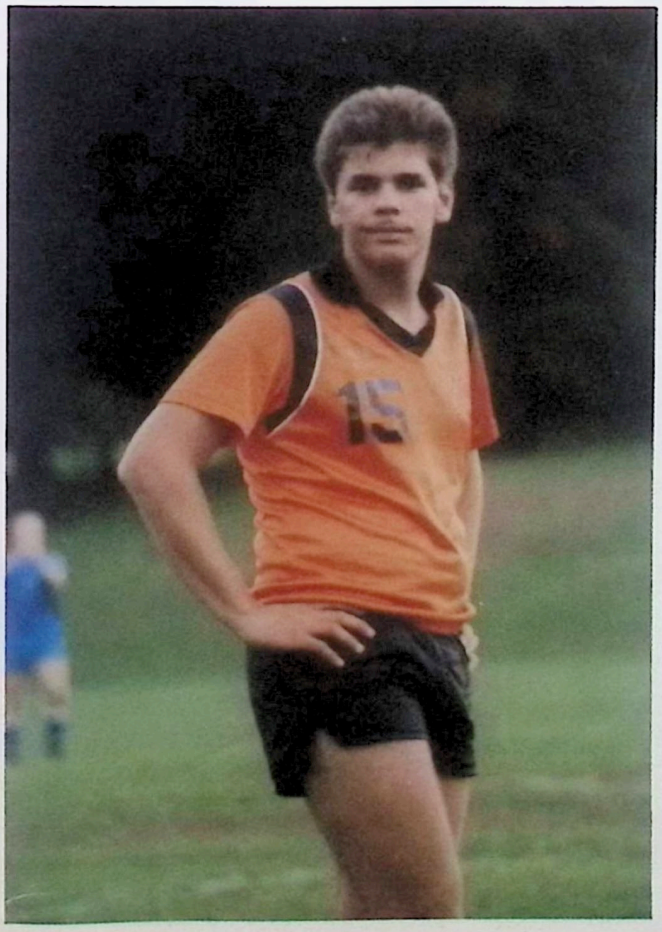
Our senior year has been a very busy and productive one for us all. In the fall, we came to school excited and full of anticipation over our graduation at the end of the year. Winter kept us busy with plans of hosting the Christmas prom. Basketball, activities, Valentine's Day, parties, and dances kept our thoughts moving, but deep down inside each of us, we all started to question if we were really ready to face the world outside of A.S.D. Soon, Spring arrived full of sunshine and flowers....why were we still nervous? Were we really ready to go out into the world and stand on our own two feet? Realizing that we were seniors and with graduation day approaching, we knew we had to get a grip on ourselves.

**Were we really ready to go out into the world and stand on our own two feet?**

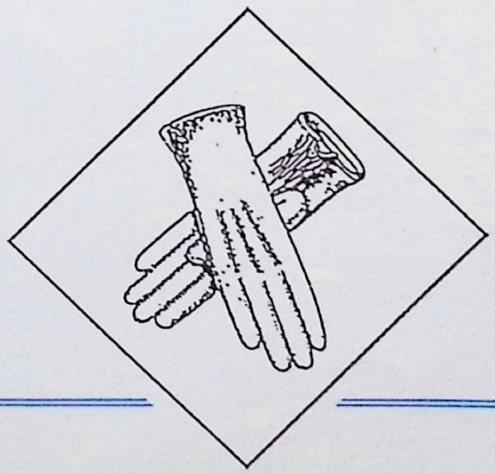
Oh no! Who pushed the red panic button? Seniors? No! The junior class did....You see, reassured with the knowledge that we, the senior class, were all well prepared and trained by the fine staff at A.S.D. for our futures, we were able to march down the isle with pride and joy! Now the juniors become seniors full of questions and we, the senior class, graduate in confidence of our future.

# With Class

**The senior class** proudly posing around Mr. McChord's precious possession, the shiny green Rolls Royce.

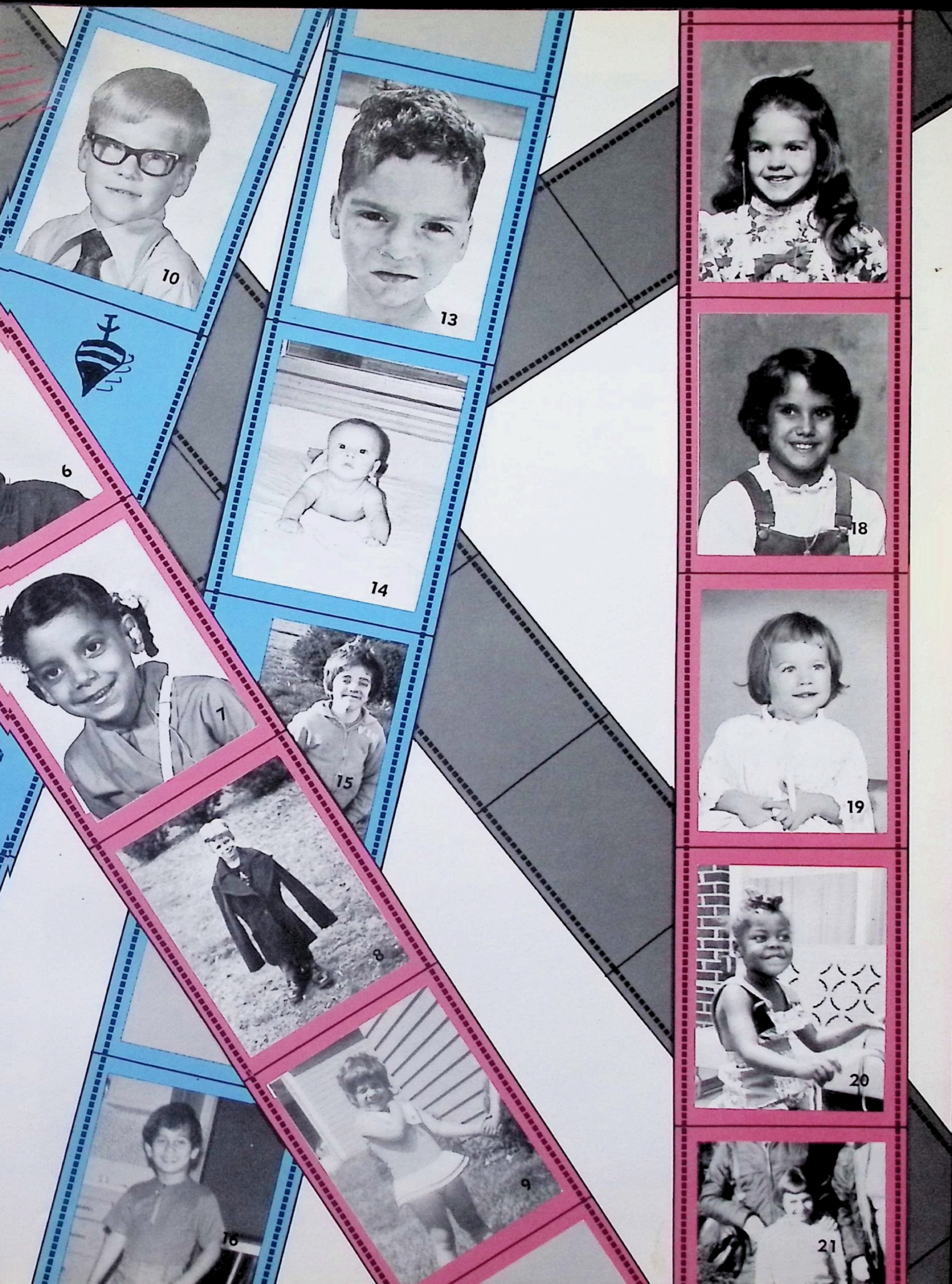


Senior **Tommy Lorello**, looking disappointed, after witnessing a score made by his opponent player.



# Reminiscence

Childhood fantasies, imaginary playmates, security blankets, afternoon naps, pranks, warm milk, ice cream.....Reminiscing through our childhood days brings us to miss the times when we didn't have to worry about homework, grades, our future and Mr Darby's reprimands. Back then, as you can see, we were cute and naive, not understanding what was lying ahead of us. With the help of ASD's teachers and staff we were encouraged to grow and learn. Maturing into our teen years, we faced homework, responsibilities and developed a pride in ourselves. Today we are adults with a life full of great opportunities. We shall, in 10 or 25 years, reminisce back to our good old high school days with fondness and warm memories.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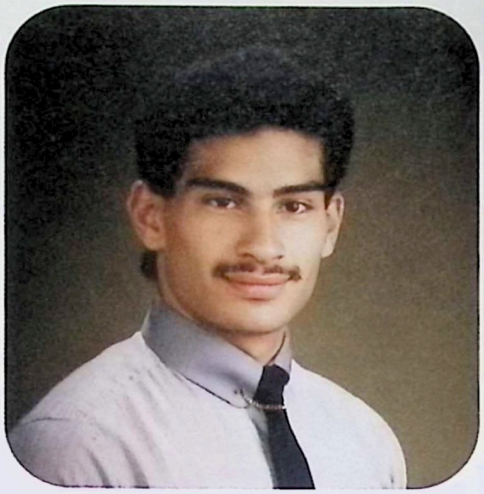

Hiram Arroyo, Jr.

Senior **Mike Alger** beams with joy.

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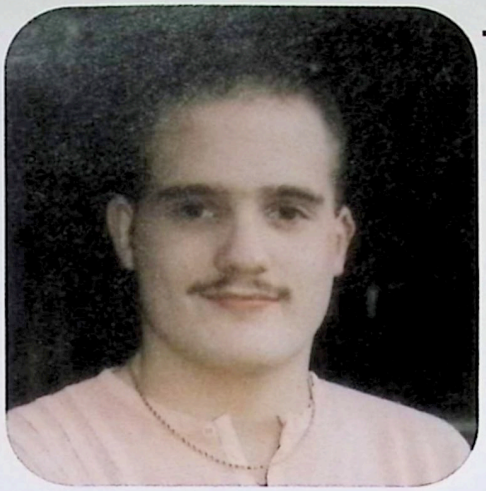

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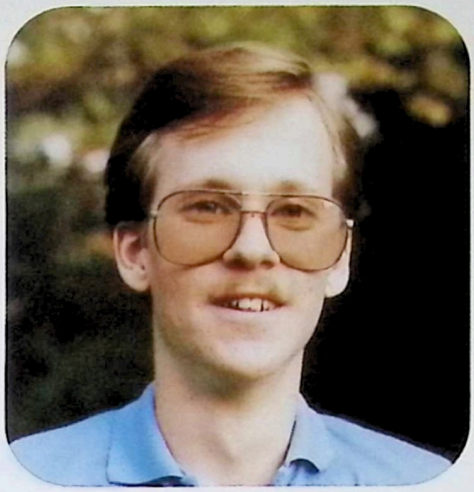


Todd Lee Eiriksson

Carmelia Antionette Freeman

## Putting on the Ritz

Ritz - American slang meaning lavish and costly: Putting on the Ritz - the act of showing off, dressing up and showing off, glitter, act of showing you are with or part of the best. The word RITZ taken from the Ritz Hotels, the world's finest.

Elizabeth Rachel Ganci

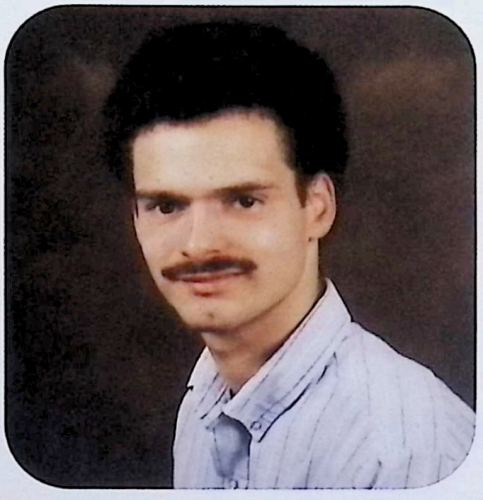
Karie Ann Greene

# Class of 1988 Puts on the Ritz

Class of 1988 - Senior class of the American School for the Deaf. A class proud to show off the fine education and sense of pride it has developed here at A.S.D. A classy group of kids. A.S.D.'s finest - full of glitter. A rizty class, proud to show what it is made up of.

Angela Margaret Izzo

Masoud Mohamed Khouri



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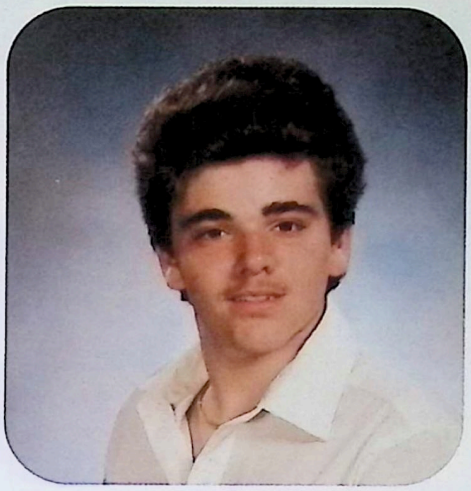

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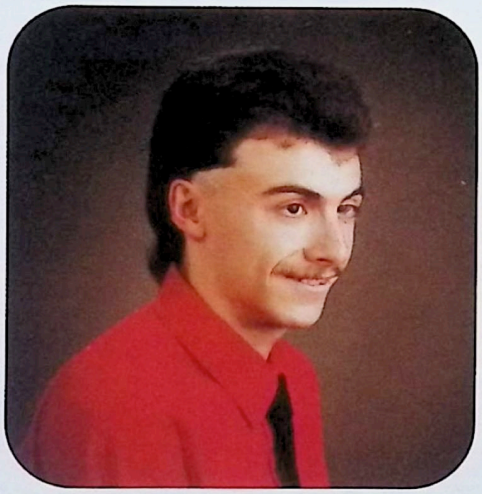

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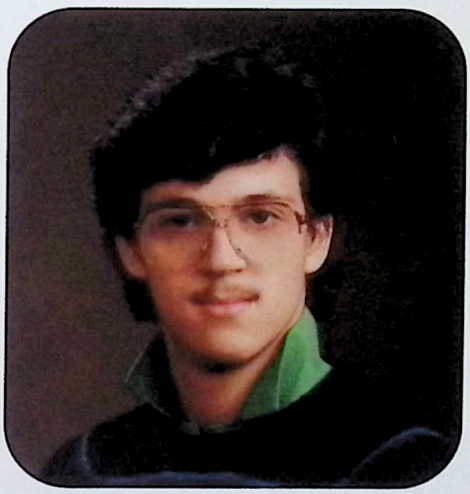

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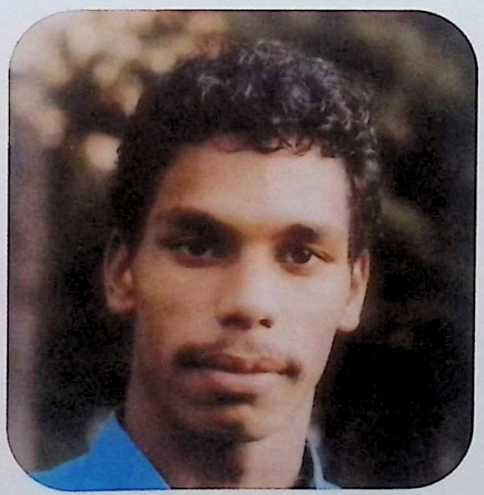

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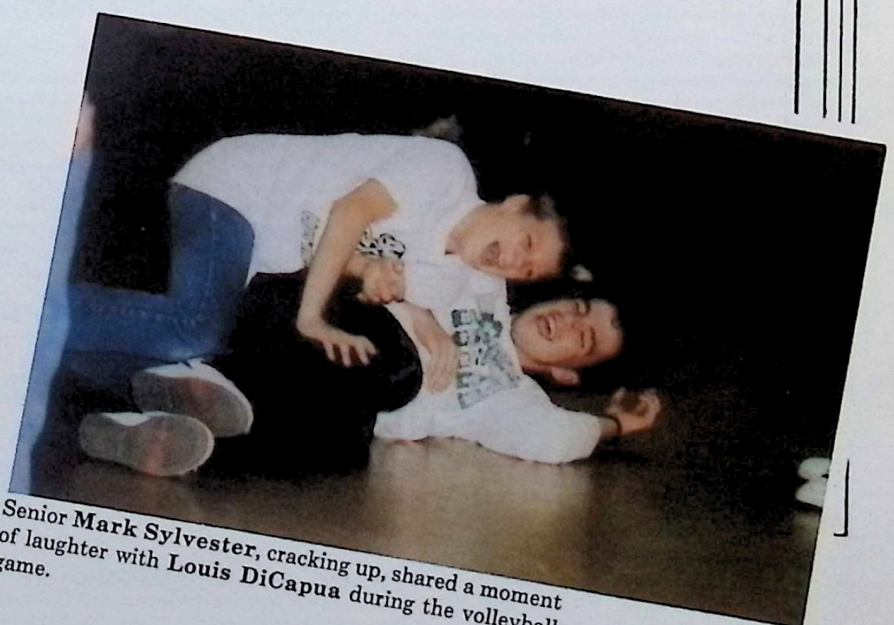

Senior **Mark Sylvester**, cracking up, shared a moment of laughter with **Louis DiCapua** during the volleyball game.

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# 27 SENIORS GRADUATED TODAY!

**John Michael Alger**, better known as Mike, resides in Fairfield, Connecticut but is originally from North Carolina, a fact that not many know. Mike's love of sports has led him to be very active with United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Hartford. He joined the Hartford Challengers and was a key member on the swim team (1st place swimming relays) as well as the track and field team. Besides his involvement with sports off campus, Mike has thoroughly enjoyed the years he has participated in the ASD wrestling and soccer teams. Also unknown to many was his years of participation on various teams of the Riverside School in California prior to his moving here to Connecticut. Mike is always willing and enthusiastic when it comes to joining in with team sports or activities. Now Mike is 'focusing' in on graphic arts and hopes that he can pursue a career in that field somewhere in southwestern Connecticut. He is looking foward to a 'picture perfect' future but is ready for whatever 'develops!'

**Hiram Arroyo, Jr.** of Waterbury, Connecticut was born under the zodiac sign Aries. He has been very busy while at ASD being on the soccer and wrestling team for 3 years, the track team for 2 years, basketball and serving as track manager for 1 year. Hiram has served as a member of Jr. PAD and in various offices of his class while at the same time staying active in his residential life. As a member of the class of '88, Hiram has been running the Student Lounge and Bookstore.

Hiram enjoys studying math and history. He feels it helps to prepare him for the future. As for free time, Hiram likes to stay active by bike riding, playing football, basketball, and being with friends.

Some of Hiram's goals are to make high honors in his final year at ASD, and to make the senior trip and graduation a success. Hiram plans to attend either NTID or Gallaudet University after he graduates.

Hiram's favorite saying is "that's right" and his dream of a lifetime is to become a movie star.

**Debra Ann Boutwell**, of Farmington, Connecticut, is an energetic and enthusiastic Virgo who thrives on being involved in all types of activities!.

During her freshman year, she served as Treasurer-manager on Junior Achievement, cheerleader, and Sergeant at Arms in her sophomore year. In her junior year, she added softball, Jr. Prom committee, and Assistant Yearbook photographer to her list of accomplishments. This year as a senior she serves on Jr. C.A.D., Stripes, Assistant Yearbook photographer and Vice President of the Senior class. Debbie has won various awards...1982 Double Dutch, J.A. Top Salesperson, and 1984 Academic Achievement. Debbie also shines off campus as "Sarah" in Children of a Lesser God. She is also an avid Jazz dancer.

Debbie's favorite subject is Reading and she enjoys learning French. She is often heard saying "Bonjour." After graduation she plans to attend N.W.C.C. and to continue with her dancing. Her big dream is to teach deaf children to dance.

**Delores Jean Bradley**, better known as Dube in her hometown of Bridgeport, Connecticut, was born under the zodiac sign of Virgo. The brown eyed '87 Homecoming queen is soft spoken but watch for out she can snake, cabbage patch and smurf her way through any song. Before asking her favorite question "Where are you going?" she will often rub her hand over her nose. Habit she says. When not reading, she likes to bike or watch T.V., but going out with boys beats them all. Hee, hee, hee she would reply. Setting the ball (volleyball), guarding the ball (basketball), and hitting the ball (softball), keeps Dube busy throughout the year. She was named in '86 All-Star in Volleyball and All-American in Softball. When not on the court or on the field, she's involved in other school activities as well. Dorm President (freshman year) and Junior class Vice President to name a few. She will also be responsible for putting this yearbook together. After graduation, she plans to go to college and major in management information systems (data processing) but if her dream comes true she would be a famous movie star. Joan Collins...move over!

**Jennifer Ann Carrier** lives in Torrington, Connecticut. She is often called "Sweet Pea" because she always helps people without being asked. She is also our spic & span lady at Clerc Dorm. She loves to dress in stylish clothes. Her favorite subject is Consumer Ed because she feels that it is very important to know how to budget money in the future. Her favorite activities include swimming, bowling, shopping and watching wrestling, especially the "WFF" Hulk Hogan. In her spare time, she walks to the shopping center and always returns with Papa Gino's pizza. During her senior year, she wants to be on the High Honor roll and best all around student for the dorm. Her favorite saying is "That is your problem, not my problem!" She was the Volleyball Assistant Manager during her junior year. After her graduation, she hopes to work in food service at Torrington Hospital. Her dream is to find a rich handsome guy so that she can own a limousine and buy lots of fancy clothes. She has been on Honor roll and High honor roll for 3 straight years. She has received food service award, math improvement award and best residential student award. She was chosen as Paces Valentine Queen during her junior year.

**Shawn Joseph Dion** comes to the American School for the Deaf from Danbury, Connecticut. Shawn enjoys the academic studies here. His favorite class is Machine Shop because of his enjoyment and achievements with measurements.

Bicycling is a favorite outdoor activity of Shawn's. The maintenance and upkeep of his vehicle is skillfully mastered within his dorm room when he does not have the opportunity to bring it to his vocational class. With his love for bicycling and his desire to travel to Quebec, Canada, we can only surmise Shawn traveling, by bike, to Canada visiting his family.

Shawn has been Vice President of the Paces Residential Program for 2 years. In addition, he has been a member of the Boys Basketball team during his sopohomore year. In 1985, Shawn was the recipient of the Life Skills Award.

Shawn plans to return to the American School for the Deaf for post-graduate studies. He feels that he has learned a great deal but needs the extra remediation because of disruptions in his educational processes in the past.

Shawn does have hopes and dreams to achieve. He would like to live in Virginia and have a family life. With his hopeful five children he will buy a station wagon for his wife and two Lamborgaine for show. In 1990, Shawn will return to ASD Homecoming from the daily tasks of an expert craftsman.

**Todd Eiriksson** is a typical Sagittarius-cheerful and pleasant. His favorite academic subject is Math, though his *real* favorite subject is driving. Todd also loves to play cards, chat with friends, swim and go to West Hartford Center. He often says, "Finish! Stop it!" when his friends tease him. After graduation, Todd would like to work on cars or be a carpenter. He plans to live independently in an apartment with a friend.

**Carmelia Freeman**, "Peaches," is a quiet, elegant young woman who comes from New Haven. Like her nickname, she has a sweet, sunny personality, especially when she's with her favorite beau. Always stylish, her beautiful eyes and smile shine, particularly when she wears purple, her favorite color.

Although Peaches loves to read the comics, *Mad Magazine* and *Teen*, Math is her first love. She enjoys math challenges and works as a Math Peer Tutor in the library. She has used her math skills to benefit the Class of 1988, serving as Class Treasurer for 4 years.

Active and committed, Peaches was a Varsity Soccer cheerleader and Varsity Boys Basketball cheerleader during her freshman and sophomore years. She has been Volleyball manager for the past 2 years and worked on the Jr. Prom Committee last year.

After graduation, Peaches plans to work in a hospital. Her dream for the future is to become rich and buy her own house.

**Elizabeth (Eliz) Rachel Ganci** resides in Hartford, Connecticut. Her favorite subject is Language. This determined "Libra" loves to learn a lot of vocabulary/spelling words. Eliz's major goal is to improve her grades this final year at ASD. Eliz is very involved in school activities. In the past, she was secretary for the freshman class, as well as varsity cheerleader. Now as a senior, she is assistant secretary. Although Eliz's favorite saying is "Get Lost," this friendly person has many friends surrounding her in the halls. Eliz's most enjoyable activities in her free time are swimming, reading Seventeen magazine, and watching soap operas. Following graduation from ASD, Eliz plans to work in the clerical field. Her one dream she hopes for is to win the lottery and have a rich family. She will plan to share some money with her relatives.

**Karie Ann Greene**, also known as "Pee Wee", is a native of Danbury, Connecticut. Everyone remembers Karie for her big smile, her bright beautiful eyes and her favorite expression, "So! I know!". Although Karie is shy when you first meet her, once she knows you, she is very friendly. Karie is witty, charming, helpful and a pleasure to be with. Karie is a good student. In 1985, she was presented the Perfect Attendance award. Her favorite subject is Math. If you peek in the door during class, you'd find Karie diligeatly participating in class activities or working in the computer room.

Outside the classroom, Karie enjoys sports. During her Freshman and Sophomore years, she belonged to the Volleyball team. She also joined the Softball team during her Freshman year. In 1985, Karie was awarded the Athlete's Award. In her leisure time, Karie enjoys swimming and basketball.

After graduation, Karie plans to reside in New Hampshire where she hopes to work in the Food Service area. Karie dreams of becoming a wife and mother who lives in a beautiful house and drives a new car.

**Angela Izzo** who has been nicknamed "Devila" by the Bailey Brothers and who came from Westport three years

ago is a very typical teenager. She walks, dresses, looks and talks like a student you may see on the T.V. program, "CLASS". Her favorite phrase is "What's up?"
During her high school years at A.S.D. she participated in Jr. C.A.D., Christmas and Jr. Proms. She also did some sub secretary work and was a girl softball manager for which she won an award. She was one of the princesses for Homecoming this year.
When she reaches the end of her path at A.S.D., she hopes to go to college for the extensive studies of interior design. She has always been interested in modeling, fashion and interior decorating.
Angela enjoys reading books and going out with her friends during her free time. She also hopes to team up with Robyn, when Robyn becomes an astronaut, to go to space together.
Attractive smile and understanding are Angela's best points and may these qualities be her greatest assets in her lifetime journey of self-discovery and fulfillment. (Hopefully Angela and Robyn get to return to Earth from planet #10.)

**Masoud Mohamed Khouri,** known as Shouib by his friends in United Arab, came to the American School for the Deaf more than a year ago. A real gentleman, quiet and well respected, Masoud studied English and drafting which has become his favorite subject. He likes to draw and takes an interest in the architectural features of buildings in different countries. As a student in England and Arabia, he was involved in soccer, volleyball and swimming. In his sparetime, he enjoys soccer, swimming and reading. He has received awards for art achievement and Arab writing. He hopes to attend Gallaudet University or return to his native homeland to work in business. His dream for the future is to go sightseeing in America on a new Honda.

**Eric Douglas Leckfor** is a Capricorn from Tolland, Connecticut. Eric is a shy individual who loves to tease his close friends. He often is seen saying "Anyway." He is always very dependable and willing to help out.
His many accomplishments at A.S.D. include: Vice President - Freshman year; Jr. C.A.D. member - Sophomore year; Yearbook '87, Sergeant-at-Arms and Jr. Prom Committee and during his senior year, he served on Stripes, Yearbook '88 and S.W.E.P. Eric has won an award from Post College in Business Education.
Eric's goals for this year have been making honor roll and making Yearbook '88 the best ever. After graduation, Eric plans to continue in his job at the Travelers Insurance Co. His big dream is to see peace on earth (No Nukes!!) and to someday see Hawaii.

**Tommy Peter Lorello,** a Basketball lover, hails from Stratford, Connecticut. While he enjoys math, Tommy's goals include improving his grades and obtaining admission to N.T.I.D. Tommy has been active at A.S.D. by participating in Soccer, Basketball, Track and Softball. He has been Sergeant-at-Arms during his Sophomore and Junior years. Currently he satisfies the student and staffs' thirst as manager of the soda machines. Upon completion at N.T.I.D. Tommy hopes to attain early retirement by living off of his winnings as a professional bowler. We will see him in the sunset on his yacht; fishing for the Catch of the Day.

**Nancy Ann MacDougall,** originally from Maine currently resides in Oakville, Connecticut. Born under the sign of Aries, Nancy enjoys "mingling with the crowd". An arid sports participant, she played on the volleyball, basketball and softball teams for 4 years and has received All American softball team and basketball awards. She served as a secretary in Clerc Dorm during her freshman year, sergeant-at-arms during her junior year and in her senior year, she was a Student Lounge food manager. She hopes to pursue a career in food service by working in a resturant. Her dream is to be successful in life.

**Vincent Anthony Martone,** known to all as "Vinny", comes from West Haven, Connecticut. Born on March 20th, under the zodiac sign Pisces. Pisces are creative people. He enjoys making hooked rugs and making various craft projects. His favorite saying, when working with other people is: "Be careful". Although Vinny never participated in any athletic events at A.S.D., he walked around the school campus, West Hartford Center and Bishop's Corner taking delight in simple objects that others failed to see. Being a true Pisces, he is a dreamer and a collector. He never seems to get bored because he is always discovering the world around him by seeing how things work and then manipulating them. He has been working at a "fast-food" resturant on weekends. At this time Vinny has not made a decision on the kind of work that he wants to pursue.

**Ottavio Naccarato** was born in Italy under the sign of Capricorn. Ottavio Naccarato came to A.S.D. in 1983, since then he has made himself known here (boy has he made himself known!). His sense of humor and unique personality makes it very hard not to like him. Always a fun-loving individual, on many occasions you can find him teasing staff members with some of his favorite Italian expressions such as "Tu Sei pazzo" or "Stai zitto.
Ottavio can always be counted onto help other students and staff. Some of the time has volunteered to the school is evident going back to his sophomore year when he managed the wrestling and soccer teams. The following year he added managing the track team and in his senior year he managed soccer, basketball and track!
After graduation he will go back to his home town of Stamford and seek employment. Preferably in auto body repair which he loved so much while in A.S.D.

**Paul Robert Raymond** lives in Wakefield, Massachusetts. He was born under the sign of "Taurus". Paul enjoys reading and learning new words. Paul also enjoys swimming, walking and doing homework. He hopes to achieve good grades during his final year here as a senior. His favorite saying is "What's up?". During the 1987 year, Paul was the "scheduler" for student lounge workers. His future plans include NWCC in Winsted then upward and onward to NITD. His dream is to win the lottery, be rich and travel all over the globe.

**Pedro Julio Rodriquez** joined A.S.D. in the fall of 1984. After joining A.S.D., he quickly became adjusted to our athletic programs. He first joined the soccer team then, basketball and track. Pedro, born under the sign of Cancer, continued in sports for the remainder of his high school years. His other interests here at A.S.D. are auto body class, where cars take up much of his time.....and girls as well! His hobbies at home in Springfield, Massachusetts are playing football and socializing with friends. To many of the staff and dorm counselors, his favorite sayings are "I Love You" and "Shut Up". While in his last year here at A.S.D., he hopes to achieve honor roll and receive awards in athletics. After graduation, he will work with his father and also at Riverside Park, Massachusetts, where he will save up for a new car. When asked what his dream is, he replied: "to become a pro football player for the New England Patriots." Good Luck to you Pedro!

**Marcos Ruiz,** a day student, hails from Williamantic, Connecticut. Even though it's quite a distance from ASD, commuting affords him time to be with his friends. Marcos was born under the sign of Aquarius. He enjoys swimming and watching spectator sports, especially soccer. Marcos is a "lady's man". His favorite saying is "Hey Beautiful what's up?" Marcos played soccer during his freshman and sophomore year and wrestled during his sophomore year. An accident kept Marcos out of sports action since his sophomore year. He struggled in the hospital, at home and at school to bring himself back to top physical shape. Although Marcos can give his favorite teachers a hard time, we all admired the courage he showed after his accident. He is a lucky guy with high hopes and dreams. He does like to work as a carpenter or as an aide at Newington Children's Hospital. He wants to get an apartment, be independent and earn loads of money!

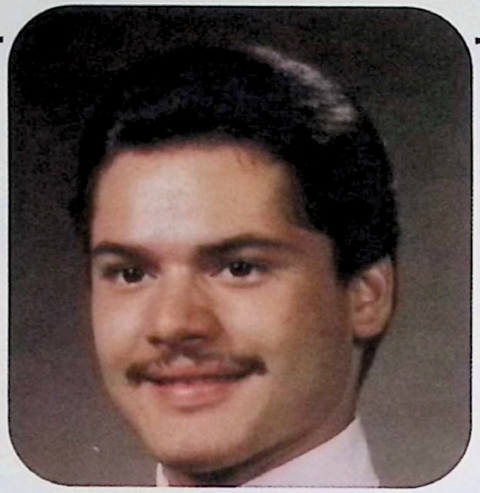
**William Ruiz** Libra; class sergeant-at-arms 2, treasurer 3, student lounge treasurer 4, track 3, basketball 3, S.W.E.P. 4. His ambition is to go to N.T.I.D to be a printer. His favorite subjects are reading, english and math. Basketball is his favorite sport. His favorite saying is "far out". He received four honor roll awards and a vocational achievement award. He is a steady worker with great attitude. He does very good work in the offset printing area, and he never complains. He is always around and willing to help whenever we need him at A.S.D. He hopes to achieve a perfect 4.0 in his final year here at A.S.D. His dream is to own a house, a very fancy super sports car and nice clothes so he can wear something different everyday.

**John Francis Ryan Jr.** is a sagittarius from Wethersfield, Connecticut. John or Johnny is a very sharp dresser who is always saying "I know". His favorite subject is math because he enjoys working with numbers. John's hobbies include skiing, driving and swimming. One of John's achievements is being Sargeant of Arms in his sophomore year. John's goals for his senior year are polishing up his skills in computers, typing and office work. After graduation, John plans to work and take classes. John's big dream in life is to own a Lamboghini Countach.

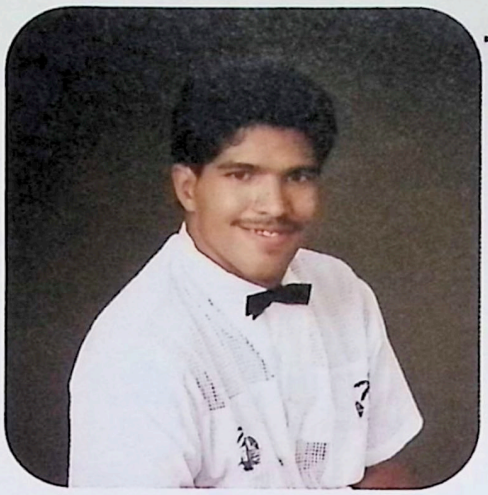
**Carol Salls,** born under the sign of Leo hails from Norwich, Connecticut. Always comfortably dressed in blue jeans and t-shirt, she enjoys socializing and keeping up with the crowd. She has a tendency of saying "finish" with a laugh. A sports fan and an active participant in all sports. She played volleyball and basketball for 4 years and softball for 3 years. She was a Dorm Vice President. She was a member of Jr.CAD for 2 years. After graduation, she hopes to attend NTID majoring in Photo Comp. If she had her dream come true, she'd like to live in a log cabin and be a basketball player on the U.S. Olympic team.

**Mark Sylvester** What do the Red Sox, Bruins, Celtics and New England Patriot have in common? Their biggest fan and supporter hails from Medford, Massachusetts. Born under the sign of Leo, Mark take pride in his teams! While in school, he participated in soccer, basketball, track and his number one love, softball. Are you listening, Red Sox? Been born so close to the 'roots' of our country. It easy to understand why Mark is fond of America Histo His curiosity expands to world civilizations as well. Wi his story interest in social sciences, Mark attended Clos Up and a Jr. NAD Conference. He was able to develop h leadership skills by being class president in his sophomore and senior years and dorm president as a freshman. Mark has a special interest in Thomas Gallaudet and could be working his way toward becoming an ASD historian. He run an essay contest describing our founder. Mark has developed a unique fondness for Isola Bella. He dreams of becoming Director of the camp probably started most day of the "hike" which was the beginning of many challenges during his years at ASD. Aside from being the first deaf baseball player for the Red Sox. Mark hopes his future will include Gallaudet University with a major in counseling or recreaten. Whenever he decides, the future will be a "Grand Slam" with me have leaded!

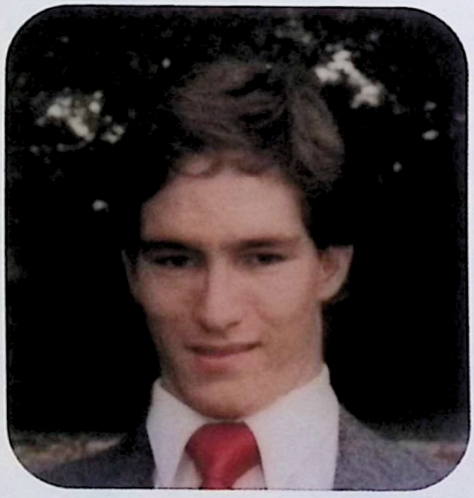
**Janette Padilla Vasquez** A polite and respectable young lady, Janette known as "Janet" to her friends, hail from Springfield, Massachusetts. Born under the sign of Libra, she is a very curious character with her favorite saying " I'm very curious". Being a motivated and hard working student, Janette was selected to participate in the Youth Exchange Program and went to France for 3 weeks. As a result, French became her favorite subject. She has participated in numerous extracirricular activities including; class secretary for 3 years, head business manager of the yearbook for 2 years, Jr Prom Chairperson, Student Lounge Treasurer. In the area of sports, she was a tiger mascot for the boys basketball team, softball manager. In addition, she was a cheerleader for boys soccer and basketball teams. Janette is an honor student and has received several awards including Lion's Club Leadership Award, All Around Dorm Award and Best Camper Award. She was voted the 1987 prom queen and junior marshall. Her plans for the future include becoming an executive secretary by enrolling in the St. John School of Business. She aspires to own a company which sells computers.



Marcos Ruiz

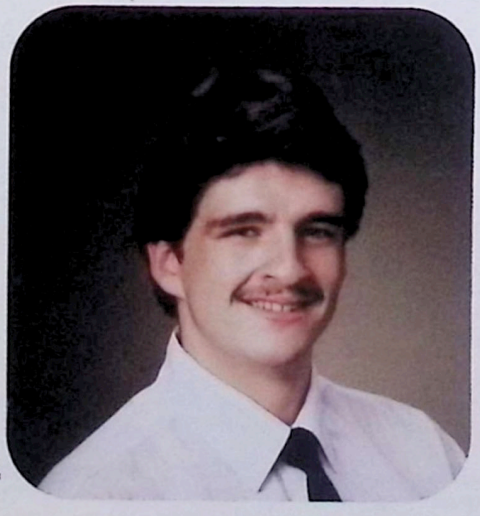


William Ruiz



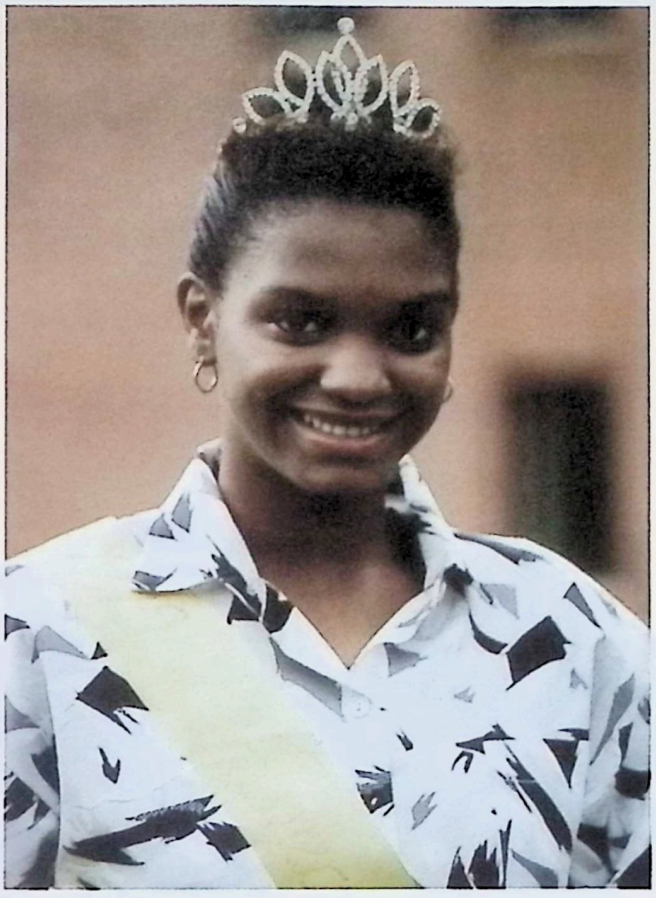
John Francis Ryan, Jr.

Carol Ann Salls



Mark David Sylvester

Janette Padilla Vasquez



**Left:** Senior **Delores Bradley** was voted as our Homecoming Queen.

**Below: The seniors** put on a comedy act.

**ee seniors** listened attentively to the speaker giving valuable
s: on time management.

# Get Involved

Various activities including workshops, student lounge and homecoming have kept us all occupied throughout our last high school days.

# Prophecy

Twenty five glittering years later, on July 17, 2013, each classy member of the Ritzy class of 1988, received invitational tickets to the Broadway show. Dressing up in their finest outfit to the show, they find themselves meeting one another. Suddenly, the music began to play and the curtains were drawn up. Appearing on stage, Nancy and Neil taking turns, proclaimed the following...

*Mike Alger* owned exclusive rights to the comic book written about the famous character, Sully.

*Hiram Arroyo* became a top fashion consultant for movie stars.

*Debra Boutwell* performed in her own sitcom series called "Here's Debra."

*Jenny Carrier* married a millionaire and owned an exotic mansion.

*Shawn Dion* was the father of 5 lovely children and worked in a machine shop in Virginia.

*Todd Eiriksson* opened up an auto shop in Hartford and hired SWEP students from ASD.

*Carmelia Freeman* taught art for disadvantaged deaf children in South Carolina and married a fellow she worked with.

*Elizabeth Ganci* worked as Mr. McChord's Administrative Assistant for 21 years.

*Karie Greene* became the most beloved and highly respected food server at the world's largest convalescent home based in Chicago.

*Angela Izzo* was a prominent interior designer and was assigned to redecorate all 24 bathrooms in the White House.

*Masoud Khoory* won great respect from deaf people nationwide for being the first foreigner to become the director of the ASL research program.

*Tino Langillo* was an active lobbyist, set up a strong campaign against the worldwide ban of cigarette smoking.

*Eric Leckfor*, a computer wit, was employed by the C.I.A. in Washington, DC, his sole responsibility was to calculate the dollar spending of the KGB each minute.

*Tommy Lorello*, following his father's steps, continued to fish and lived comfortably off the profits he made from selling fish fins, while raising 3 girls on his fishing boat. Poor Tommmmmy!

*Nancy MacDougall* owned a shop that specialized in wigs that came in various styles and colors including pink, green, and yellow. Her best customers were the punkies.

*Vinny Martone* was hired by his alma mater, ASD, as its electrician and rewired the whole Gallaudet building.

*Ottavio Naccarato* was a loyal butler for William, the son of Prince Charles of England and his wife in London.

*Paul Raymond* traveled around the world and settled down in Thailand.

*Pedro Rodriquez's* flashing white smile was noticed by a famous modeling agent who contracted him to a million dollar a year modeling career.

*Marco Ruiz* became president of the construction company employing 25 men, building new homes.

*Delores Bradley* became a dancing teacher at the Alaska School for the Deaf.

*William Ruiz* auditioned and was picked for a role as a deaf printer in a Paramount movie. He won the nomination for the best supportive actor.

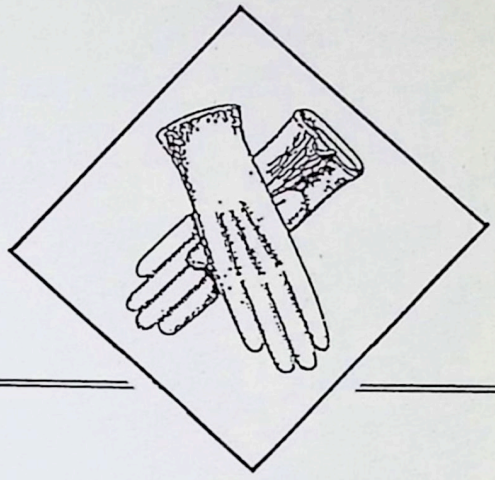
*John Ryan* invented an amazing device that eased the secretaries life...a typewriter that reads your mind and types itself.

*Carol Salls* was selected to compete in the Deaf Olympic basketball team and was chosen to play on the U.S. team.

*Mark Sylvester* became the first deaf coach for the professional basketball team, Boston Celtics.

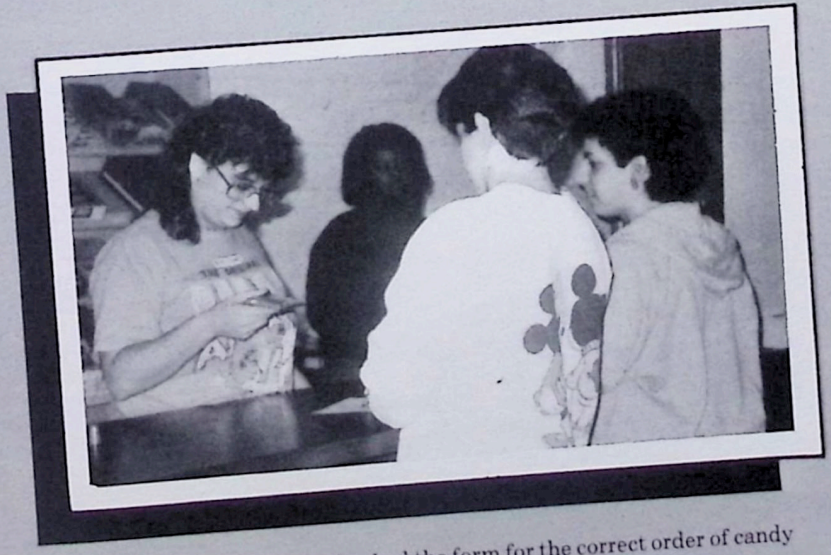
*Janette Vasquez* volunteered in the Peace Corps to Philippines teaching English and French. She fell madly in love with a French man.

Riding away, senior **Debra Boutwell** gazed as she searched for the path destined for her.



# Tough Choice

Now is the time for us, the senior class of 1988, to begin to carefully contemplate our future plans and goals before we step into the world on our own. Should we broaden our horizon by continuing with further education, should we advance our technical knowledge of our preferred field or should we step into the world of work and enrich our job experience. We will confront such difficult choices in our future. ASD has given us the strong basics that we will need to help us make the right decisions. The right decisions will give us a clear path to walk on into the future. Whatever decisions we make, we shall proceed to make the best of our lives.



Senior **Carol Salls** double checked the form for the correct order of candy as seniors **Pam Giglio** and **Janette Vasquez** looked on.

# Dedication

We, the Class of 1988, are deeply honored to dedicate our yearbook to these two very special and devoted people who have guided and supported us throughout the years at the American School for the Deaf. We will hold them with fond memories.

This special person has been with us for many years teaching us various activities in physical education. He has emphasized the importance of teamwork, encouraged us to develop good attitude and taught us to accept the losing moment with pride. Good sportsmanship is his key word. He is patient, caring and friendly with everyone of us. We, the Class of 1988, are proud to dedicate this yearbook to Neil Robinson.

Neil Robinson

This special person is high spirited and optimistic. She has been an educator at the American School for the Deaf for a span of 15 years. We learned a great deal through all the field trips she took us on. She encouraged us to develop the value of thinking, and showed us the benefit of hard work. She has set a fine example for all of us to follow. We, the Class of 1988, are proud to dedicate this yearbook to Nancy Zurek.

Nancy Zurek

American School for the Deaf

# MEMO

TO: Ron Davis, Sharon Shirley, Charlie Reisinger and Margot Sofrin.

FROM: The Class of 1988

RE: Our Wholehearted Thanks,

DATE: June 16, 1988

We, the members of the Class of 1988, want to devote this whole page to express our sincere appreciation and to say "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts" for all you did for us throughout the year.

With your support and involvement, we were able to achieve all those projects which were very vital in building our very memorable moments that every senior should have to cherish all their life. Thank you Ron, Sharon, Charlie and Margot. We love you!

Class Advisors, **Ron Davis, Sharon Shirley** and **Charles Reisinger.** Not pictured: **Margot Sofrin**

# Growing Through Experience . . .

The senior class organizations consists of three parts; elected class officals, student lounge and yearbook. Each has been set up like a "mini-business", providing an excellent learning experience for our seniors.

By joining (or being elected to) one of these organizations, our seniors develop a good sense of leadership, cooperation, self pride, respect and responsibility, all of which are important skills to build for the life and experiences that are ahead of them.

All the above skills are developed while having fun. The seniors have a wonderful time together while learning to work as a group. The three class organizations are a large part of the senior success story.

Attending a meeting is a frequent occurrence for the seniors. Voicing their opinions are seniors **Tommy Lorello, Delores Bradley** and **Janette Vasquez.**

Angela Izzo, Saregant-in-Arms and Ass't

**PUTTING ON THE RITZ PRODUCERS; Front Row:** Delores Bradley, Eric Leckfor, Janette Vasquez, Patty Garcia and Jennifer Carrier **Back Row:** Carol Salls, Pam Giglio, June Terry, Advisor; Jimmy Bumbala, Frank Marcil, Advisor and Mark Sylvester **Not pictured:** Mineo Hoshina, Advisor

**STUDENT LOUNGE OFFICERS:**
Hiram Arroyo, Student Lounge Manager
Tommy Lorello, Soda Manager
Janette Vasquez, Treasurer

**Right:** Senior **Todd Eiriksson** and **Jill Nadeau** waited anxiously for their first dance together.

**Far Right:** The radiant couple, Senior **Hiram Arroyo** and **Gloria Haney** looked very lovely during their evening together.

**Below:** The formally dressed gang looked very charming.

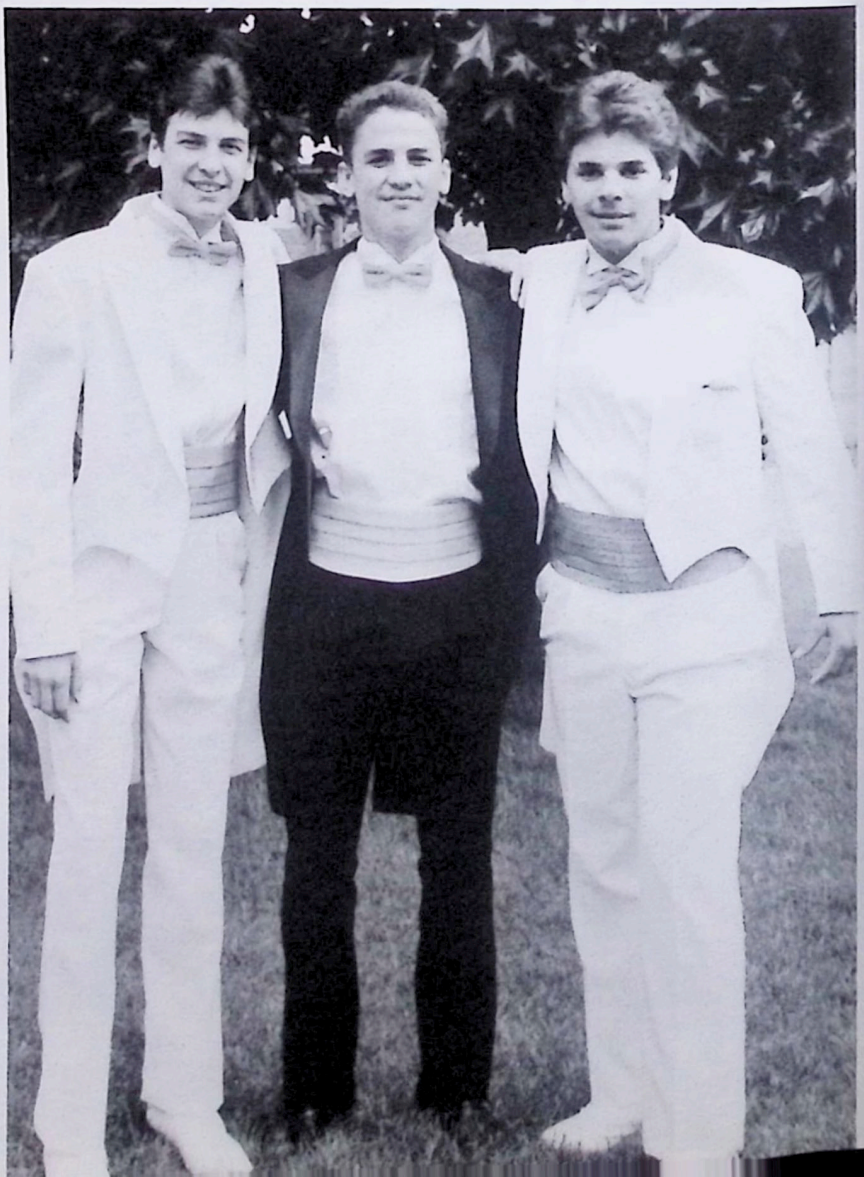
# Prom On The Ritz

Dreams of Tomorrow, thoughts for the night and starlighted memories are three ways to describe the feelings for the Class of 1988's Jr. Prom.

There was excitement in the air; beautiful girls in exquisite dresses and boys dressed in their very finest, that set the mood for the Jr. Prom. Blue and gold balloons greeted promgoers when they arrived at the Village in Barkhamsted, Ct. We feasted on a roast beef buffet and ice cream bar.

After dinner the Prom King and Queen were announced. The royal couple, William Ruiz and Janette Vasquez, opened the festivities with the first dance. We all danced to the music and enjoyed the video D.J. that was so kindly provided by Mr. Bernard Izzo. Leslie Warren and Keith Vinci were there to add a touch of class and sign some songs for us. Carrie Zepperi highlighted the evening with her performance along with Gary Greco.

The evening was a great success and everyone went home tired and happy....full of Dreams of Tomorrow.



**Right:** Anxious **Ryan Biser, Nick Testone** and senior **Tommy Lorello** posed patiently before escorting their dates to the blue bus.

**Left:** Three attractive ladies, **Jennifer Carrier, Elizabeth Ganci** and **Janette Vasquez** getting psyched up for ritzy blast.

# "Dreams of Tomorrow"

DREAMS OF TOMORROW....
WHAT IS IT!
MEMORIES TO REMEMBER BY,
MEMORIES ARE GONE,
BUT THEY ARE UNFORGOTTON.

DREAMS OF TOMORROW IS
A FUTURE TO LOOK FORWARD TO...
WE HAVE GOALS THAT WE WANT TO REACH...
THAT IS THE DREAMS OF TOMORROW!!!

**Left:** After receiving their token of appreciation, comical **Charlie Reisinger** hammed up with his wife, **Fern.**

**Left:** The handsome couple, **James Bumbala** and **Carrie Zepperi** excitedly waited for the moment of the announcement of the King and Queen of the Prom.

**Right:** Standing besic Senior **Hiram Arroy** gleaming **Margot Sofri** was honored by the presentation of plaque for being the sponsor of the Junior Prom.

**Right:** Senior **Mark Sylvester** tried to keep the audience under control.

**Above:** Posing with **Mr. and Mrs. McChord** are the Prom royal couple Queen **Janette Vasquez** and King **William Ruiz.**

**Above:** Looking ravenous, **Charlie Reisinger, Hugh Farquhar** and **Patricia Comptom-Sansone** helped themselves to delicious appetizers.

# One Day At A Time

Fun-filled moments, full of laughter, full of togetherness, anxiety moments, sharing secrets and hours of learning constitute our daily activities. As busy as we are, we live one day at a time as we attempt to savor every precious moment that enriches our lives at ASD.

**Above:** Senior **Karie Greene** laughed hysterically after she was told of a hilarious story.

**Right:** Senior **Vinny Martone** sweet talked senior **Todd Eiriksson** into giving him a ride.

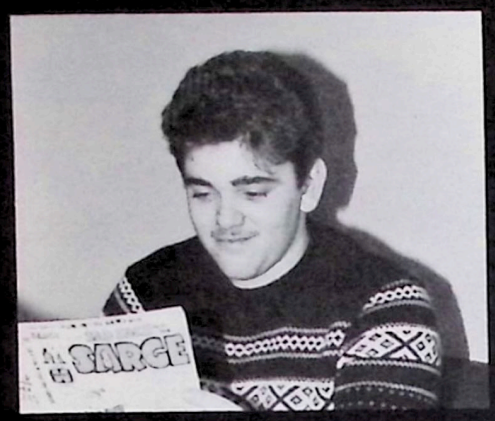
**Left:** Senior **Eric Leckfor** described in details of his worst driving experience.

**Below:** Senior **Nancy MacDougall** excitedly told **Cindy Paluch** of her bright idea of how the extra 3 hours volleyball practice could improve her team.

**Above:** With senior **Janette Vasquez** rooting for senior **Tommy Lorello**, **Ron Davis** defeated him in Indian wrestling. Darn!

**Right:** Handcuffed with her niece, senior **Carol Salls** excerised a firm approach to get some overdue cooperation. Did she dump your pepsi on you?

# Superlatives



Avid Comic Reader - Vincent Martone
Avid Sport Fan - Mark Sylvester
Best Actress - Karie Greene
Best Artist - Mike Alger
Best Dancer - Debra Boutwell
Best Dressed - Jennifer Carrier
Best Personality - John Ryan
Best Flirter - Pedro Rodriquez
Best Jokster - Tino Langille
Class Clown - Tommy Lorello
Most Ambitious - Janette Vasquez
Most Feminine - Elizabeth Ganci
Most Friendliest - Ottavio Naccarato
Most Gentlemen - Masood Khoory
Most Helpful - Carol Salls
Most Masculine - Hiram Arroyo
Most Mischievous - Marcos Ruiz
Most Talkative - Nancy MacDougall
Most Quiet - Todd Eiriksson
Most Willing - Eric Leckfor
Neatest - Paul Raymond
Nicest Eyes - Carmelia Freeman
Nicest Smile - Delores Bradley
Shortest - Angela Izzo
Shyest - William Ruiz
Tallest - Shawn Dion

**Left:** Vinny Martone
Avid Comic Reader

**Middle:** Carol Salls
Most Helpful

**Right:** Pedro Rodriguez
Biggest Flirter

**Left:** Nancy MacDougall
Most Talkative

**Middle** Ottavio Naccarato
Most Friendliest

**Right** Delores Bradley
Nicest Smile (ugh!)

# A Year of Innovation

**Mr. Winfield McChord** grimaced as he attempted to get someone's foot off his.

The 171st year of our school was designated the "Year of Innovation."

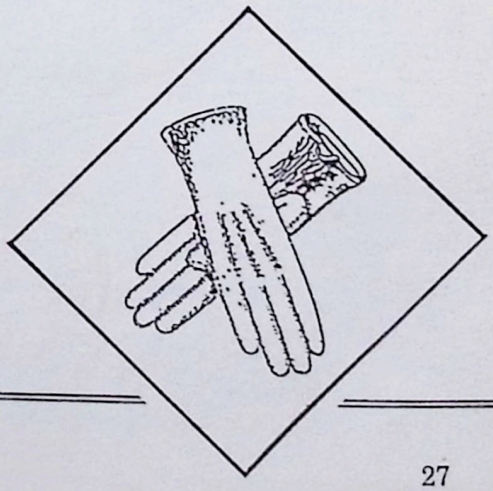
"Innovation," according to Noah Webster, the lexicographer is the introduction of something new, a driving force, a deviation from an established practice, change, novelty, an exchange of one obligation for another.

And the 1987-88 academic term was all of these: our board of directors, administrators, teachers, residential advisors, and other members of the school family dedicated this term to a search for something new in the ways they served us and our schoolmates, respecting tradition, but boldly planning and implementing novel ways of improving the 171 year old "established practice" of educating deaf children.

They pursued "something new," "change," and the "exchange of fo mer obligations" for a new and mo rewarding obligation, to improve and grow professionally and to survive the 1980's.

Our school began the process of framing a strategic plan for the future, a roadmap for our school for follow through the difficult years ahead to guarantee a bright and prosperous future for deaf children.

**Mr. Ed Peltier** spared some moments out of his hectic schedule for a socialization with a senior, **Carmelia Freeman.**



*"Whatever challenge you face, always meet it with the best that is in you, and use each day's experience as a building block for the next."*

WILLIAM A. O'NEILL
GOVERNOR

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

CLASSIC CONNECTICUT

1988

It is a pleasure and a privilege for me to extend my congratulations and best wishes to the Graduating Class of 1988 at the American School for the Deaf.

Commencement is truly a day of mixed emotions. You look back with a sign of relief and a feeling of accomplishment, you look ahead with anticipation and with a lot of question marks.

On whatever road you travel, and in all you seek to accomplish, if you honor those who raised you, treasure your friends and neighbors, use wisely your knowledge and skills, and protect and preserve the ideals we cherish, then our land can only grow stronger, our society more open and our nation a better place in which to live.

Your years of schooling have given you a solid base of knowledge which you will use as the foundation on which to build your lives. Whatever challenge you face, always meet it with the best that is in you, and use each day's experience as a building block for the next.

Today, as you graduate, you join an international honor roll of alumni, who have proudly carried forth and extended the heritage of accomplishment and excellence which the American School for the Deaf has established since its founding in 1817. It is my sincere hope that you will find new challenge, reward and happiness in whatever you do, and success in all of your future endeavors. May it be a most memorable and enjoyable occasion for each of you.

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WILLIAM A. O'NEILL
Governor

William O'Neill, Governor

# Board of Directors

**Front Row:** Edgar B. Butler, Jr., Secretary; Mrs. Mona Martin, James R. Johnston, Frederick U. Conard, Jr., Robert E. Carroll, Jr., President; Atwood Collins, II, Fred A. Larson, Treasurer and Winfield McChord, Jr. **Back Row:** Anthony W. Neidlinger, Thomas I. Berry, Jr., Arthur L. Quirk, Mrs. Frank Gionfriddo, Donald Cassin, Gerald P. Barrieau, Jr., Robert A. Lazear, William C. Horn, Jr., Mrs. Bernard W. Schiro, James A. Stewart and Robert N. H. Sener. **Absentees:** James H. Steane II, Second Vice President; Steven T. Martin, First Vice President; Alex W. Creedon, Jr., Ellen R. Franklin, Robbie Ryter Heffeman, Lois C. Sabatino, John M. Washburn, Jr. and Ruth Wessels

Winfield McChord, Jr.
Executive Director

Jo-Ann Waide-Wunschel
Administrative Assistant

The Class Of 1988
American School for the
Deaf

Dear Seniors:

On June 16, your parents, your fellow students, your friends and your teachers will watch with admiration and great joy as you step across the platform to receive your high school diploma. That Thursday afternoon will be the most important day of your life, and we hope, the first of many, many more important days to follow.

When you leave the campus, the stage will be struck, the caps and gowns put away, the books shelved, the classrooms darkened, and as the shadows lengthen, we will already be turning our thoughts to the new semester.

The first teacher of this school, Laurent Clerc, once described "gratitude" as the "memory of the heart." And we will remember you in our hearts and be grateful that fate was kind enough to place us here together, for a space of time, at the American School for the Deaf. Godspeed.

Winfield McChord, Jr.
Executive Director

Edward Peltier
Assistant Exceutive
Director

Joan Helms
Secretary

Dear Seniors:

On behalf of the American School's faculty and staff, it is an honor and a pleasure for me to extend congratulations to the Class of 1988.

The staff has enjoyed the times we have shared and we thank both you and your parents for letting us participate in your growth and development process.

A famous government official once gave this advice... "Whoever wants to reach a distant goal must take many small steps". You have started on your journey by completing the very important goal of graduating!

We all wish you the Best of Luck and hope you will come back to visit your Alma Mater.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Peltier

Edward F. Peltier
Assistant Executive
Director

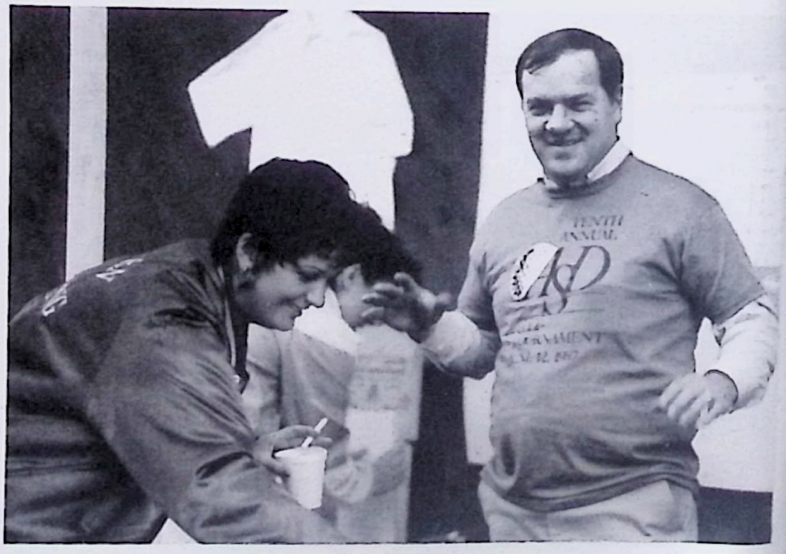
**Left: BUSINESS OFFICE:**
**Seated:** Brenda Kawecki, Accounting/Data Entry and Pat Howe, Payroll Clerk **Standing:** Thomas Rubbo, Controller and Jan Agura, Accounts Payable Clerk

**Below: PERSONNEL OFFICE:**
Maria Norton

**DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE:**
Marion Sellitto, Mailing Coord./Clerk; Penny Driggers, Receptionist/Secretary; Chrisy Pinyoun, Assistant to Director; Janis Grant, Assistant Director of Public Relations and Jane A. Lennox, Director of Development and Public Relations

The members of the Jaycees Club, with the help of Sammy Davis, Jr., proudly presented a check to **Mr. Winfield McChord** and **Jane Lennox** for ASD.

**Jo-Ann Waide-Wunschel** and **Betsy Hopkins** didn't let the rain dampen their spirits.



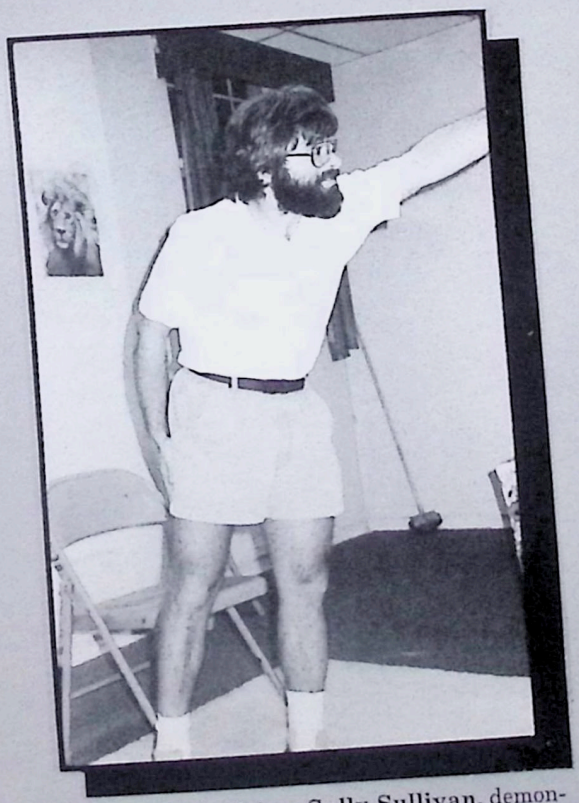
**Top: Mr. Winfield McChord** dazed in disbelief after successfully making a good shot.

**Bottom: Mr. Edward Peltier** modeled his new T-shirt while **Joanne Schrieber** wiped up the spill.

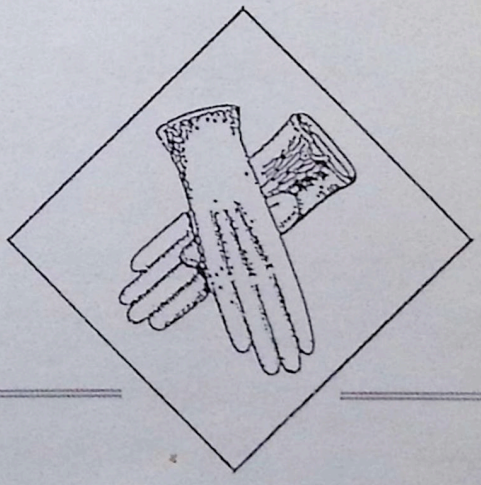
# A Day at the 10th Annual Golf Tournament

ASD is proud of its staff, for it consists of some of the nation's finest. The staff at ASD is highly dedicated, experienced and knowledgeable. Each staff member holds a key to the door of quality in education and a higher level of learning for ASD's students. The staff at ASD also perform as excellent role models for our students to look up to.

**Above:** The staff, **Mary Pacyna** and **Ben Benson**, play the important role in the development of the students' educational and social skills.



The residential advisor, **Sully Sullivan**, demonstrates one of his attention grabbing techniques during a meeting with the residents of the Life Skill dorm.



# Staff

Mr. Albert Darby, Principal
Ms. Betsy Denorfia, Secretary

Ms. Annamarie Andrews
Teacher

Mr. Frank Asklar
Teacher

Ms. Marilyn Brown
Teacher

Mr. David Halberg
Teacher

Mr. Fred Langlois
Teacher

Ms. Mary Pacyna
Teacher

Ms. Donna Wilson
Teacher

Ms. Betty Young
Teacher

The American School for the Deaf's theme for this school year is "Year of Innovation." The High School Department has added two new courses - "French I" and "Research". It hopes to expand another course "French II" in the near future.

The High School Staff has been able to keep up-to-date in teaching critical subject areas the like of Consumer Education, Human Growth and Development as well as the challenge it is to teach Reading, Math and Language, not to overlook Science and Social Studies.

The High School Department is fortunate to have the experienced, personable and dedicated teachers to instruct the high school students - and Here is the opportunity to thank the teachers and students for having a good year so far. Albert W. Darby, High School Principal

Ms. Patricia Walters,
Language Arts Curriculum Project Director



# High School

Ms. Cynthia Dabbs
Teacher

Ms. Jane Endee
Teacher

Ms. Miriam Hayes
Teacher

Ms. Linda Katseff
Teacher

Ms. Janice Knauth
Teacher

Ms. Gail McCormack
Teacher

Mr. Thomas Meehan
Teacher

Mr. Bradford Moseley
Teacher

Mr. Dennis Palka
Teacher

Mr. John Silva
Teacher

Ms. Christine Upton
Teacher

Ms. Judy Williams
Teacher

Ms. Nancy Zurek
Teacher

Mr. Eric Schroeder, Principal
Ms. Norma Antico, Secretary
Ms. Anita Iurlano, Instructional Supervisor
MHHI-Upper School

# Jr. High School

Ms. Jean Joseph, Principal, Lower School
Ms. Ellen Boyne, Secretary
Ms. Kathleen Quirk, Supervisor of Instruction,
MHHI-Lower School

# Cogswell

Ms. Sandra Bryant
Teacher

Ms. Mary Beth Cenci
Teacher

Mr. Paul Cleary
Teacher

Ms. Sandra Colton
Teacher

Ms. Patricia Compton
Teacher

Ms. Jane Davol
Teacher

Ms. Patricia Duncan
Teacher

Ms. Lisa Frillici
Teacher

Ms. Pamela Giammarco
Teacher

Ms. Susan Giniso
Teacher

Ms. Susan Hawkins
Teacher

Ms. Joyce Hiler
Teacher

Ms. Rosalie Jefferson
Teacher

Ms. Karen Manko
Teacher

Ms. Dianne Martin
Teacher

Ms. Mary Ann Meehan
Teacher

Ms. Chris Tabbert, Supervisor of Instruction, Boatner Bldg.
Ms. Nora Bach, Secretary

# Boatner

The Lower School includes both Boatner and Cogswell Buildings. The students in our preschool are developing language skills through experiences both in and out of the classroom. In this building, they develop all their readiness skills before moving to Cogswell for the elementary program. At this level, the students continue skill development in all areas.

The Lower School staff consists of dedicated, caring and skilled teachers who are committed to providing a strong educational program for all students.

Jean F. Joseph, Principal, Lower School

**Left:** The teacher, **Linda Leimberger,** took a pause to share her time with **David Gonzalez** and **Somphone Vonghemany.**

Ms. Geraldine Claveau
Teacher

Ms. Kathryn Harris
Teacher

Ms. Linda Leimberger
Teacher

Ms. Carol Peltier
Teacher

Ms. Laura Miller
Teacher, Cogswell

Ms. Susan Ondrejicka
Teacher, Cogswell

Ms. Bonnie Abbott
Teacher

TLC

**Right:** Ms. Martha Rosen, Director
Ms. Susan O'Shea Goduto, Assistant Director

This year, the PACES Program expanded to serve students from age 5 to age 21. PACES students could be found in classes and activities in all campus buildings: Boatner, Cogswell, Gallaudet, Vocational, and the Gymnasium. The program for students under age 13 changed its name; it is now **Junior PACES** instead of Lower PACES.

Regardless of changes and growth, the goal of the PACES Program has stayed the same: to provide structured, supervised, and individualized educational and residential programming to students with significant emotional/behavioral problems. A high point of this year in PACES was the celebration of the 5th anniversary of the program's opening. A staff/student/parent Open House in the Upper PACES dormitory was held to celebrate the anniversary.

Ms. Martha Rosen, Program Director

Mr. Andrew Berke
Teacher Aide

Ms. Rosalind Fox
Expressive Therapist

Ms. June McMahon
Lead Teacher

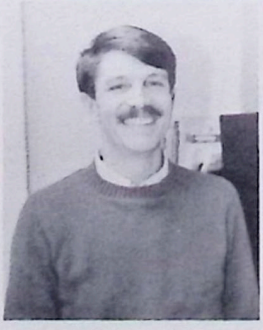
Ms. Lin Murphy-Nicotera
Teacher

Mr. Michael Muszynski
Assistant Teacher

Ms. Mary Sue Owens
Teacher

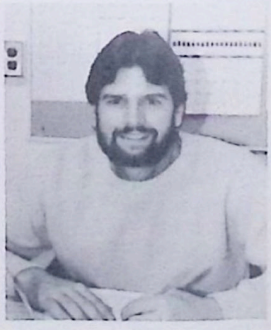
Mr. Charles Reisinger
Teacher

Mr. Scott Robinson
Teacher



Ms. Dawn Volpintesta
Counselor

Mr. Lou Volpintesta
Teacher/RA



# PACES Academic

**Left:**
Mr. James Pedersen
Principal/Vocational Director
Ms. Karla Andersen
Secretary
Ms. Anne Eucalitto
Transitional Employment
Services Manager
Ms. Carolyn Mancuso
Coordinator of Adult Services
Ms. Katherine Darby
SWEP Coordinator

Mr. Harry Beckwith
Drafting/Design

Ms. Shirley Desrosier
Business Education

Ms. Anita Farquhar
Food Service

Mr. Hugh Farquhar
Machine Shop

Mr. Mineo Hoshina
Offset Printing

Ms. Cathy Latham
Typing/Aide

Mr. Mario Obrizzo
Auto Body

Mr. David Olandt
Graphic Arts/Photo Comp.

Ms. Joy Rooy
Electronics/Work
Assimilation Program

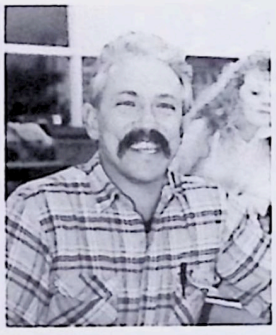
# Vocational

**Below: Dino LaRacca** demonstrates his dexterity in the machine shop.

The Vocational Education Department at the American School for the Deaf provides pre-vocational and vocational instruction for the students from the 7th to the 12th grades. Pre-vocational and vocational education is offered in eleven different areas. In addition to classroom training, the program includes vocational evaluation services, and on and off campus work experience program, employment placement assistance, job seeking skills classes and transitional employment services.

James Pedersen, Director

Mr. Charles Reisinger
Driver Ed. Instructor



Mr. David Woodward
Ind. Arts/Woodworking

Ms. Velma Wright
Data Entry/Computer Oper.

**DIVISION OF ADULT SERVICES**

Ms. Muriel Boysen
Aide

Ms. Deborah Cavanaugh
Job Seeking Skills
Placement Specialist

Mr. Eric Coughlin
T.S.E. On-Site Supervisor

Ms. Pamela Garry
AVS Instructor

Ms. Betsy Hopkins
T.S.E. Secretary

Ms. Renee Jubrey
Vocational Evaluator

**Below:** Mr. Douglas Moody, Director, Evaluation/Assessment
Ms. Joanne Schreiber, Secretary

The Evaluation and Assessment Department is committed to providing quality support services to students at the American School for the Deaf. These services include speech and language therapy, audiological services, counseling, behavorial management, and school psychological services. The professional staff designs and implement programs that meet important, and unique needs of hearing impaired students, and assists them in deriving maximum benefit from their instructional programs. The Evaluation and Assessment Dept. staff are proud to have been a part of the educational experience of the Class of 1988. We wish each graduate good fortune and success in attaining their goals.

Mr. Douglas Moody, Director

Ms. Virginia Baldwin
Speech Pathologist

Ms. Alyssa Balsamo
Speech Pathologist Aide

Ms. Sandra Connell
Speech Pathologist

Ms. Billie Franklin
Psychologist

Ms. Audrey Garvin
Counselor

Ms. Caroline Halberg
Communicatins Specialist

Ms. Lucille Hanley
Communications Specialist

Ms. Carol Hayes
Speech Pathologist

Ms. Susan Krutt
Audiologist

Ms. Lisa Kuntz
Behavior Management Specialist

Ms. Patricia Pallanck
Audiologist

Ms. Cindy Paluch
Social Worker

Ms. Janet York
Speech Teacher

# Eval. & Assess.

**Below:** Mr. Neil Robinson
Director of Athletics
Coach, Wrestling

The 1987-88 school year brought a renewed popularity to ASD sports. We experienced more participation of our young athletes in girls and boys sports. We are in the process of developing some Junior Varsity programs once again. We established Junior programs for soccer and basketball on the Lower School level. We expect these programs to grow in the next few years. The enthusiasm and effort of the players was outstanding. We salute our super coaching staff for their dedication and effort to help our athletes reach their potential. The ASD spirit is alive and well. The Tiger Spirit will never die.

Mr. Neil Robinson, Director

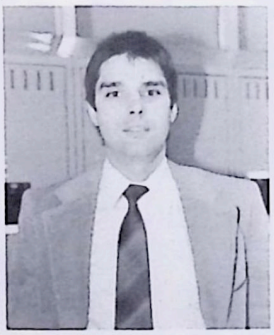
Ms. Angela Amadeo
Coach, Volleyball

Mr. Pat Berrigan
Coach, Boys Basketball

Mr. Hugh Farquhar
Volleyball Umpire

Mr. Michael Muszynski
Coach, Soccer/Girls Basketball

Mr. Dennis Palka
Coach, Girls Basketball

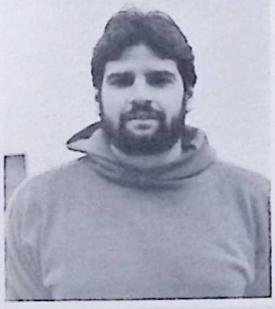


Ms. Cindy Paluch
Coach, Girls Volleyball

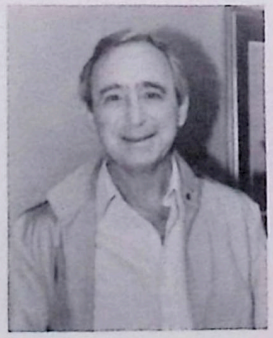
Mr. Eric Spath
Physical Ed. Instructor

Mr. David Woodward
Coach, Track

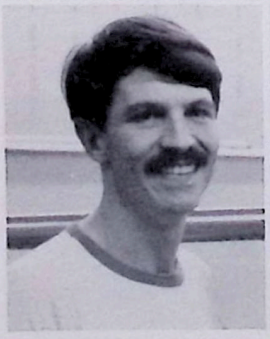
Mr. Lou Volpintesta
Coach, Boys Basketball and Track



Mr. Frank Cirullo
Pool Director



**POOL STAFF:**
Mr. Scott Robinson
Ms. Gillian Ratcliff
Mr. Eric Spath



# Athletic

**Left:**
Ms. Bonnie Ouellette, Secretary
Mr. Neil Tabbert, Dean of Students

Ms. Carol Robinson
P-CCP Supervisor

Ms. Nora Bach
P-CCP Secretary

Ms. Regina Bolden
Library Teacher

Ms. Susan Baran
R.A., Adult Service

Mr. Ben Benson
R.A., Holt

Ms. Betty Blanchard
R.A., Cogswell

Ms. Deborah Bosworth
R.A., Cogswell

Mr. Michael Buckley
R.A., Adult Service

Ms. Cheri Burkhead
R.A., Cogswell

Ms. Alma Bush
R.A., Boatner

Mr. Francis Cooney
R.A., Holt

Mr. Steve DesRoberts
R.A., Adult Service

Ms. Cathy Escalona
R.A., Cogswell

Ms. Mary Frith
R.A., Clerc

Mr. Gary Greco
R.A., Holt

Ms. Grace Hayner
R.A., Boatner

# Parent and Family Services

The Residential Life/Family Services Department offered students and their families a number of programs and services this year.

The Residential Services include a full-range of Athletic teams, intra-murals, class/organizations and after hours programming for both residential and day students. Our goal within the department is to provide programming for both social **and** educational reasons. Our **ASD Mini-Course Program** offered in the Fall and Spring has been quite successful with courses being offered in areas such as bicycle repair, cooking and japanese games. Over 150 students have taken a mini-course!

The Family Services department has been busy with the continuation of the ASD Regional Parent Meetings and the ASD Regional Sign Language Classes. The ASD Parent Advisory Board was established this year with the primary goal of enhancing communication between families of students and the school. Monthly "Family Activities" were arranged from December through May with an emphasis on the TOTAL FAMILY.

All in all, it was a very busy and productive year for the Residential Life/Family Services Department!

Mr. Neil Tabbert, Dean of Students

**Below:** ***A*** Ms. Beatrice Desrosier, Director of Student Life; ***S*** Ms. Barbara French, Ass't Dean of Students-Lower School; ***D*** Ms. Fern Reisinger, Ass't Dean of Students-Upper School

Ms. Becky Hogan-Klee
R.A., Cogswell

Ms. Jean LaRoche
R.A., Clerc

Ms. Rosemarie Marrero
R.A., Cogswell

Ms. Ellen Nichols
R.A., Cogswell

Ms. Margot Sofrin
R.A., Upper School

Mr. Richard Stahr
R.A., Holt

Mr. Sully Sullivan
R.A., Life Skill

Ms. June Terry
R.A., Life Skill

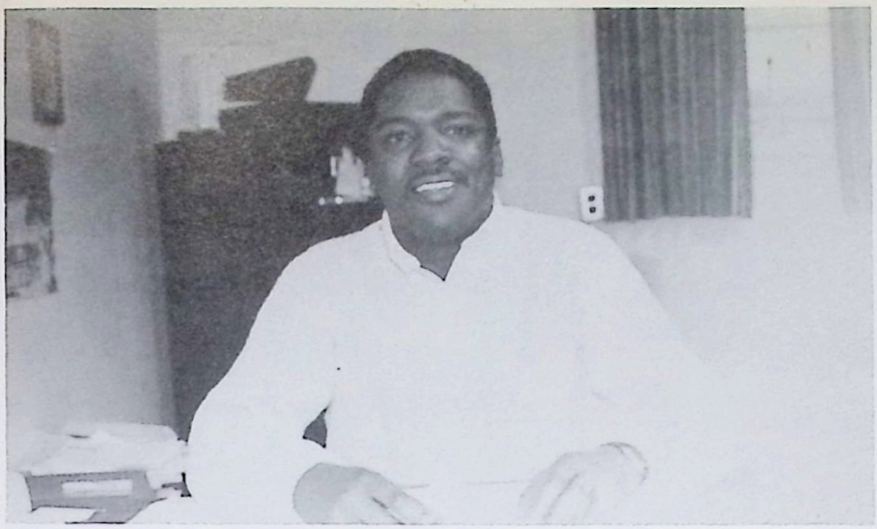
Ms. Deborah Therrien
R.A., Clerc

Ms. Ann Thompson
R.A., Life Skill

Mr. Barry Turner
R.A., Cogswell

Ms. Myra Weinbaum
R.A., Cogswell

# Residential Life



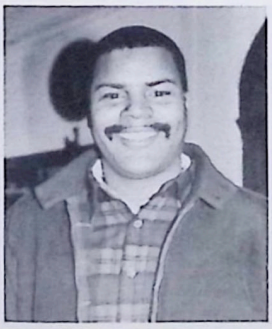
**Left:** Mr. Ronald Davis
Director of Student Life

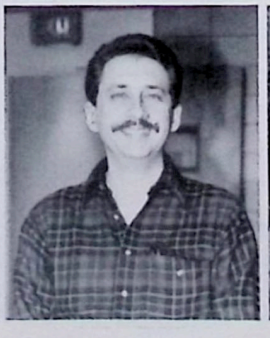
The PACES RESIDENTIAL LIFE PROGRAM is a special residential unit for emotional/behavorial disordered students. The program's goals are to maximize the students' potential and return them to the least restrictive educational enviornment.

A variety of activities, resources and experiences are made available to students to help them achieve these goals. Students are able to make use of the American School for the Deaf's medical, library, tutoring, work experience, and social recreational facilities. Within the residential setting itself, students are offered experience with practical living skills and leisure-time activities. Staff provide informal counseling, appropriate behavorial models and intervention in behavior as needed. Formal curricula relating to social skills, and aggression replacement have been developed.

Mr. Ronald Davis, Director of Student Life, PACES

**Flemon Harrison**, a Junior PACES resident, glazes in puzzlement.





Mr. Quintin Bailey
R.A., Upper PACES

Ms. Eliza Breno
R.A., Junior PACES

Ms. Leslie Hamilton
R.A., Junior PACES

Ms. Susan Jules
R.A., Junior PACES

Ms. Sharon Shirley
R.A., Upper PACES

Mr. Jack Tkacz
R.A., Junior PACES

Mr. Harry Vrenna
R.A., Junior PACES

Mr. Nat Wilson
R.A., Upper PACES

# PACES Residential Life

**Right:**
John Bertschy,
IBM Faculty Loan

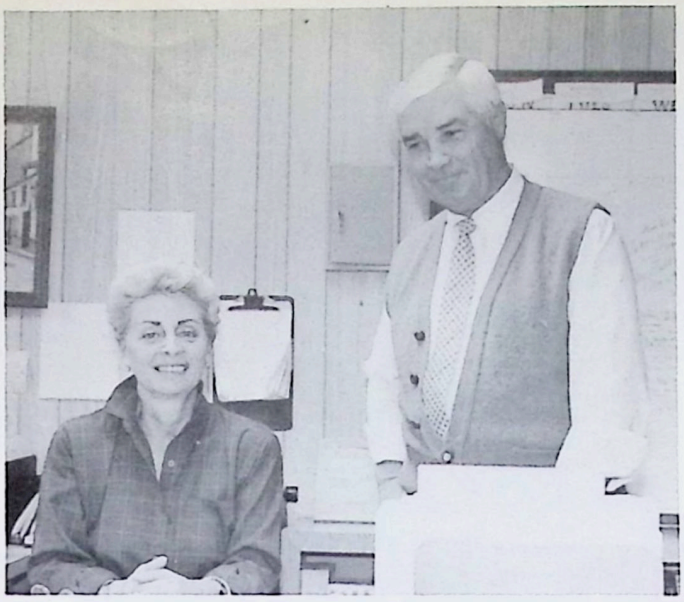
**CLINIC STAFF:**
**Front Row:**
Dr. Chitra Ramanon, M.D., Medical Director
Ms. Joan McVey
**Back Row:**
Ms. Kathy Tierney
Ms. Cora Larew
Ms. Shirley Jefferson, Director Student Health
**Absentees:**
Ms. Elaine Baine
Ms. Barbara McGinnis
Ms. Roberta Parsons
Ms. Margaret Plikaitis

**Right:**
Ms. Roselle Weiner, Coordinator of LRC Library Services
Ms. Anita Ruder, Librian

**Left:**
Ms. Anita Farquhar, Library Services

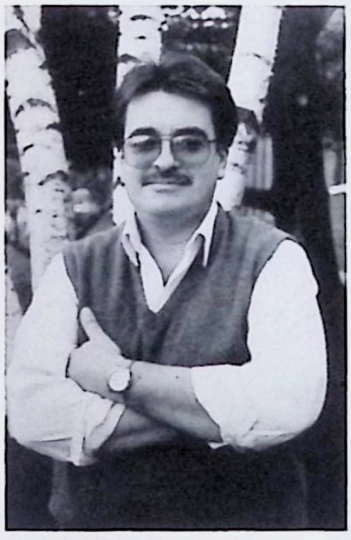
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF:**
**Front Row:**
Ms. Joyce Kreutzer
Ms. Betty Hoffmeister
Ms. Anna Dempsky
Sis. Esther Cockburn
**Back Row:**
Rev. Kevin Kreutzer
Rev. Robert Bergin
Ms. Denise Williams
Ms. Mary Frith
Rev. Ray Andersen
Sis. Maura Joseph
Ms. Joan Claflin
**Absentees:**
Rev. Daryl Gehlbach
Mrs. Mettau
Mrs. Edna Rinas

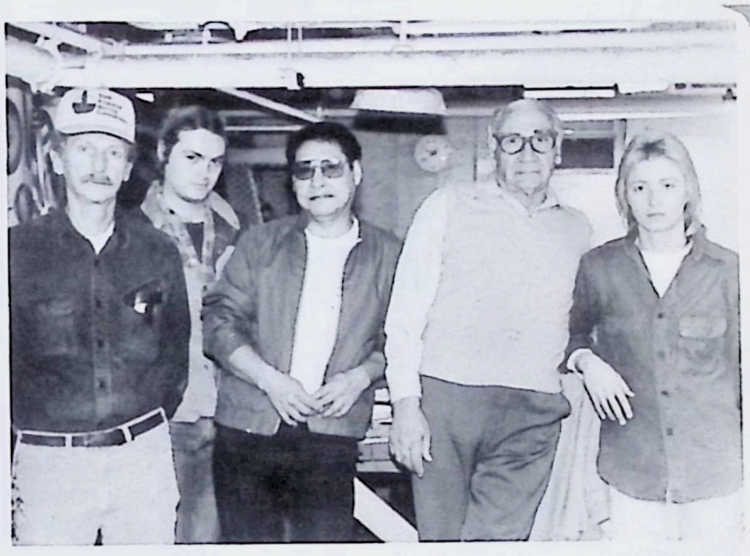
# Special Services



**Left:**
Mr. Matthew Boyne,
Director of Plant
Operations
Ms. Joan Navin,
Secretary

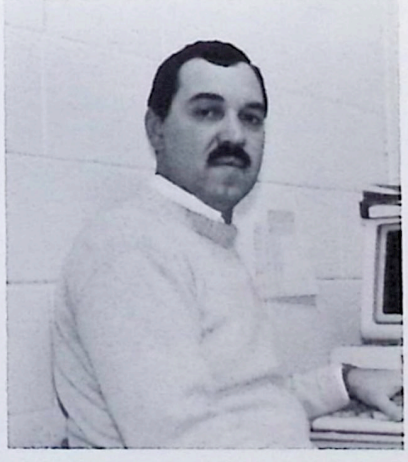
**Right:**
Ms. Sabrina Pachocka,
Laundry





**Left:**
Mr. Frank Marcil,
Mailclerk/Courier

**Right:**
**BUILDINGS &
GROUNDS STAFF:**
Mr. William Carpente
Assistant Director
Mr. Thomas Franklin
Mr. Moises Sedano
Mr. Antonio Magnano
Ms. Jamie Keller
**Not pictured:**
Mr. Robert Burnside



**Right:**
Mr. William Yoreo,
Director of Visual
Communication/Data
Processing Center

**Left: SECURITY SERVICES:**
Mr. Tom Roche
Mr. Herb Rowe
**Not pictured:**
Mr. Anthony Schueren

# Special Services

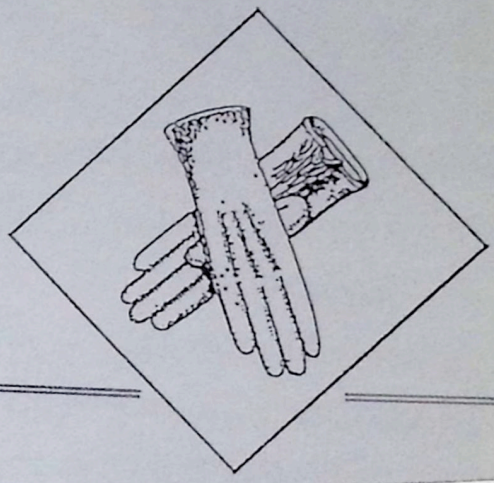
**FOOD SERVICES:**
**Front Row:**
Mr. William Walsh, Director
Mr. Whitley Gordon
Ms. Shirley Brousseau
Ms. Maria Marszalek
Ms. Alina Stanczykiewicz
Ms. Teresa Adamczyk
Ms. Genowesa Adamczyk
**Back Row:**
Mr. Henry Benoit
Mr. Paul Cubeta, Baker
Mr. Arthur Banks
Ms. Joanne Mills-Watson
Mr. John Birtwistle, Chef
Ms. Parrin Daoust

**CUSTODIAL SERVICES:**
**Front Row:**
Mr. Walter Rusin
Ms. Wanda Foss
Ms. Garnet Cooper
Ms. Annie Pierce
Ms. Gyorgyi Szakolczay
**Back Row:**
Mr. Jerry Jones, Director
Mr. Dennis Povesko
Mr. Wilfredo Diaz
Mr. Robert Foss
Mr. Janos Szakolczay
**Not pictured:**
Ms. Marlene Foss



# Special Services

Underclassman **Louis DiCapua** chuckled at the silly remark made by his teacher.



Each grade at ASD is a step up the ladder of education and growth. Every year students at ASD make a step upwards to a higher level. Many memories and happy experiences are gathered in this upward movement at ASD. It is fun to look back and see how much we have grown.

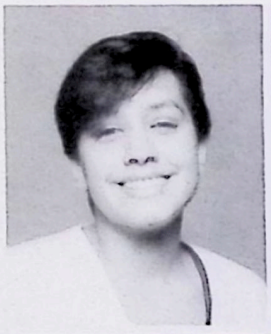
The **seniors** looked down at their "juniors" from the top of the ladder and wished them the best of luck!

# Underclassmen

Junior Richard Novack flashes the universal sign for "I Love You."

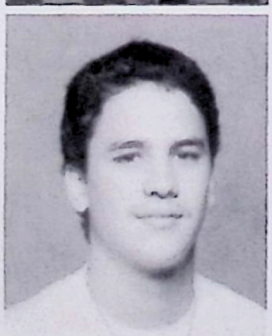
Kimberley Bailey
Shanta Beverly

Robyn Biser
James Bumbala
Carmela Buono
Wynee Burks



Gloria Haney
Jannette Jiminez
Swapna Korah
Jose Lopez

Richard Novack
Parrish Pierce
Ramona Smith
Edgar Soares



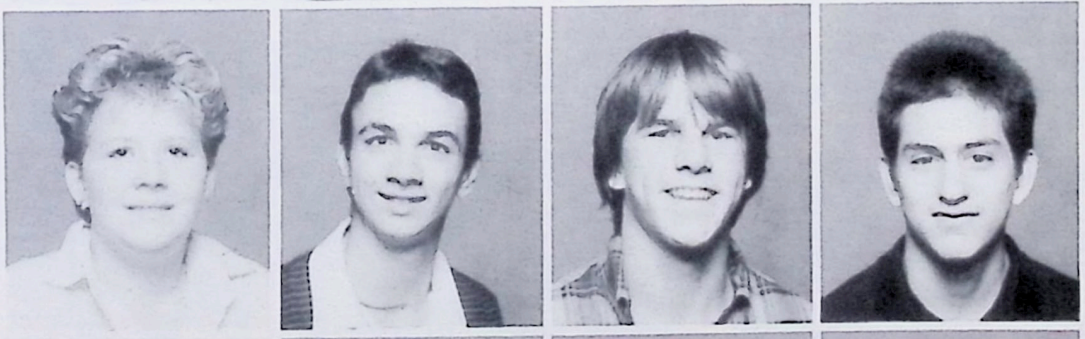
Nicholas Testone III
Efrain Vasquez
Juanita Vega
Lee Williams

Sophomore Bradford Cushman flashes his smile as he waits for his turn for some milk (or chocalate milk).

Maria Cardoso

Heidi Clemmey
Cynthia Connors
Marlene Crawford
Bradford Cushman

Charles Dawson
Patricia Garcia
Trudi Kuibeda
Peter Magistri



Patricia Molinari
Gary Morin
Jamy Pettigrew
Robert Raymond

Derek Rego
Zaida Rivas
Fatima Silvestre
Wendy Warnica

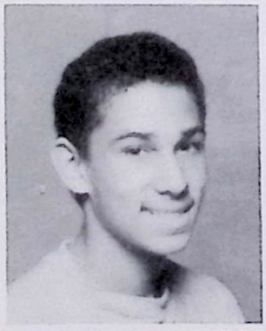
# Class of 1991

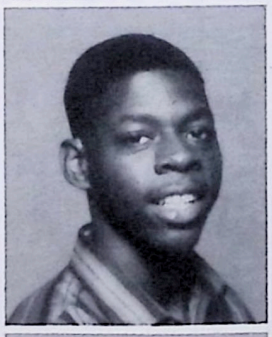
Ryan Biser
Eric Bumbala
Antonio Carabetta
Cheryl Casey

Elise Crawford
Anthony Cusimano
Estela Delgado
Jonathan Harucki

Todd Matney
Wilmonda McDevitt
Jill Nadeau
Peter Pho

Ivan Rodriquez
John Talaga
Harvey Williams
Jonathan Williams

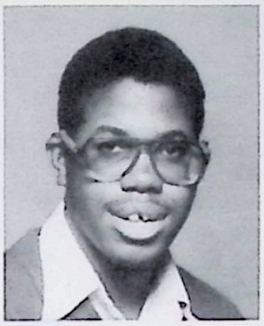




Carrie Zepperi
**CLASS OF 1992**
Eric Bryant
Wendy Clemmey

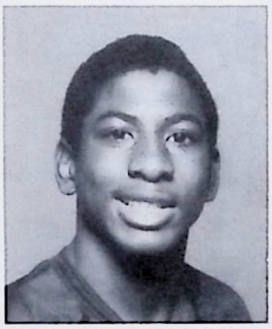
**Class of 1992**

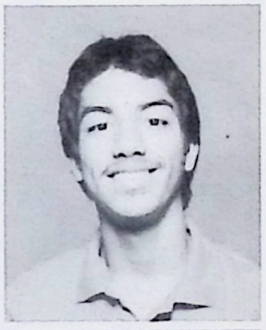
# Class of 1992



Louis DiCapua
John Feeney
Sarah Foss
Terry Freeman

Sandra Gonzalez
Brian Gruenberg
Vaughndelee Hart
Rose Ives





Carlton Johnson
Jason Klein
Dino LaRacca
Elvio Maldonado

Keecha Parker
Jason Pickering
Estella Delgado
Doris Santiago

Fernando Silvestre
Candy Winger
Diane Woodard
Marqui Wright

Looking radiant, **Amy Hoshina** dances to the music at the homecoming dance.

Robin Abendroth
Mary Allen
Pedro Colon
George Davidson

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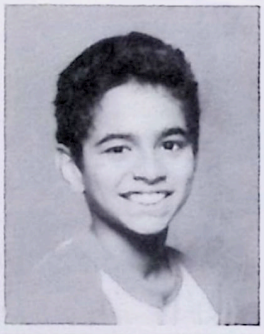
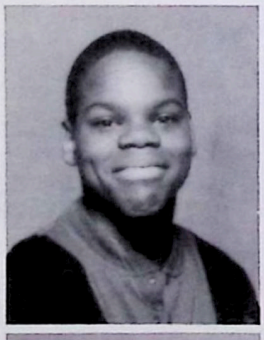
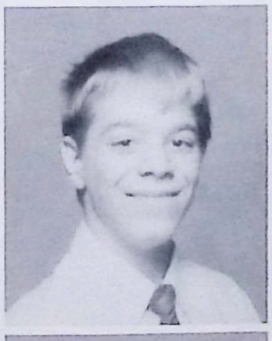
Yolanda Diaz
Jesus Espinosa Jr.
Amy Hoshina
Jamie Lakota



Germaine Lane
Victor Laporte
Paul Longo
Albert Miller





Johnny Rodriguez
Garfield Thomas
Fayona Thompson
Elisa Velez

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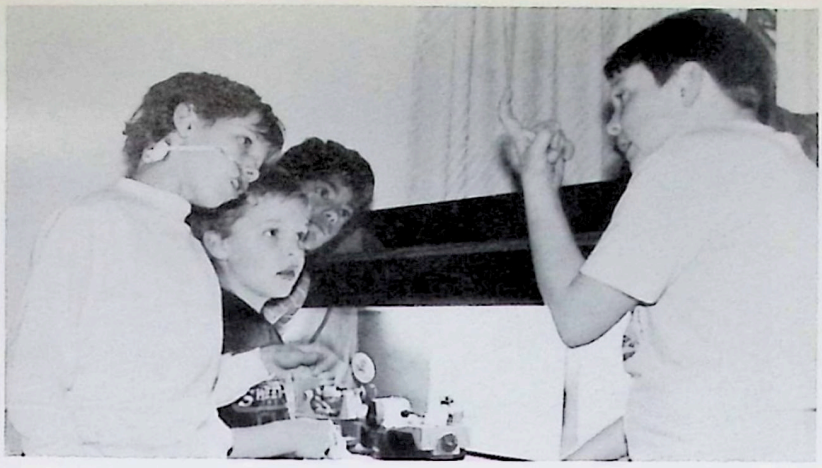
# Class of 1993



**Carlos Ortiz, Greg Podlaha** and **Kevin Bumbala** listen attentively as they are being explained to on how to solve a mathmetic problem.

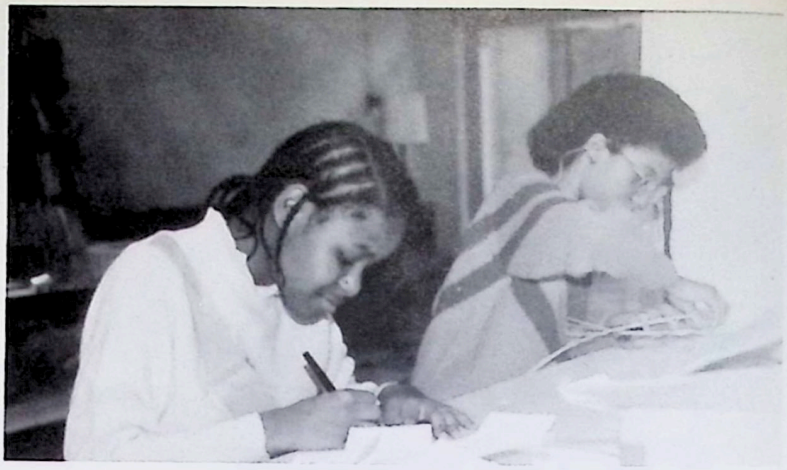
Chaya Adams
Catreasea Armstrong
Michael Ayala
Laureen Beers

Joshua Berman
Tony Berrigan
Chad Biskupiak
Kevin Bumbala

Victoria Bumbala
Michael Carrasquillo
Erin Casler
Emily Claveau

James Colannino
Stacey Colapinto
Jennifer Cote
Jocelyn Cruz

Ann Armstrong, during her leisure time, writes a letter to her friend.



Alex Dejesus

Allen Dickens
Meghan Dougan
Jose Echevarria
Elwin Espinosa

Tiffany Figueroa
Tina Geer
Megan Gehlbach
Akemia George

Joseph Giuca
Lynette Gonzalez
Jarod Goodson
Deepak Gothi

Shaun Graham
Elisa Groundwater
Michael Hamilton
William Hartman



# Cogswell Building

**Michelle Martin** and **Karrah LaFrontant**, devoted soccer fans, are watching an apparently losing game.

Michael Hodgson

Max Hoffower
Ben Hoshina
Joshua Jannone
Kevin Kenney

Karrah Lafontant
Harry Latour
Arlene Marino
Michele Martin

Yolanda Medina
Emmanuel Mendes
Brenda Molinari
Robert Molinari

Jeremiah Monge
Yasirih Rodriquez
Milmaglyn Morales
Megan Moreau

# Cogswell Building

**Yvette Vasquez**, who is part of a pre-vocational program, is learning to iron in order to prepare herself for the future.

Edward Mutch Jr.

Milagros Negron
Jason Oborski
Carlos Ortiz
Maritza Perez

Dennis Perri
Jeremy Phaneuf
Gerald Pickering
Kyla Pierlioni

Gregory Podlaha
Cesar Ramos
Jordan Ray
Steve Rhodes

Abraham Rifkin
Didna Rivera
William Roderick
Angel Rosario



# Cogswell Building

**The Cogswell clan**, all dressed in Halloween costumes, excitedly awaits the announcement of the winners.

Luis Rosario

Michelle Ruotolo
Carmen Santiago
Ryan Scheller
Tina Scripter

John Serrano
Lori Siedman
Natasha Stellmacher
Audrey Stone

Jessica Tanner
Eric Thompson
Denielle Van Zandt
Ivette Vasquez

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Hilda Velez
Melissa Weir
David Welker
Jennifer Wingfield

# Cogswell Building

# Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll

Steve Biskupiak
Kristy Borsotti
Kristina Burke
Krystina Carver

James Freeman
Kevin Gdovin
Jason Gehlbach
David Gonzalez

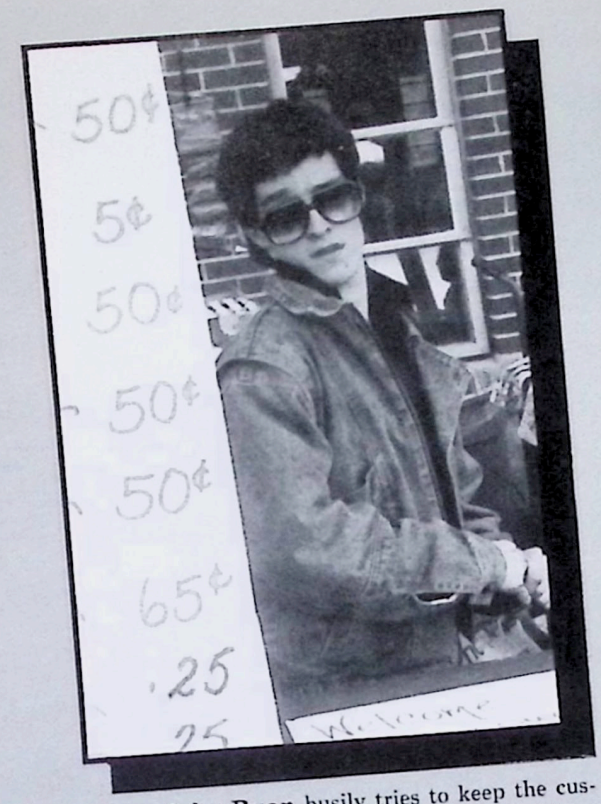
David Hanson
Flemon Harrison
Rebecca Kreutzer
Ian Lane

Heather Lindstrom
Giovanna Liseo
Laura Phelon
Noel Rodriquez

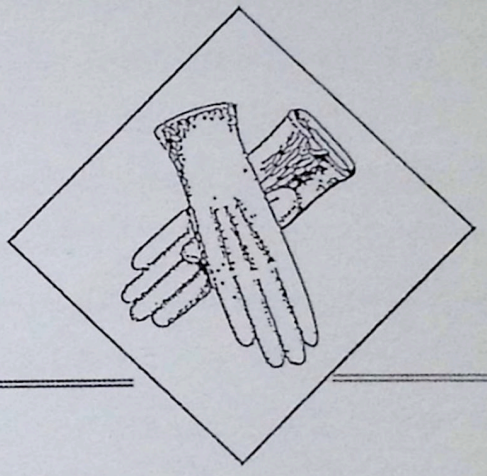
Stuart Soboleski
John Vogler
Somphone Vongkeomany
"Shh! It's me again."

# Boatner Building

# Organizations




Senior **John Ryan** busily tries to keep the customers at the ASD homecoming game full and happy.



**Below:** The models, **Ottavio Naccarato** and **Jennifer Carrier**, pose as characters from the 1930's Ritz style.

Class oraganization are key to the success of student learning and participation in educational and student life programs at ASD. Each organization is run like a small business and the students involved develop a strong sense of leadership and self worth. Students gain an understanding of fun in work while invloved in ASD's organizations.

# Stripes

**STRIPES STAFF: Front Row:** Eric Leckfor, Mark Sylvester **Back Row:** Ms. Donna Wilson, Stripes Advisor, Janette Vasquez, Debra Boutwell, Elizabeth Ganci

During the 1987-88 school year, Debra Boutwell, Elizabeth Ganci, Eric Leckfor and Janette Vasquez were editors for Stripes; the Upper School Newspaper. Mark Sylvester was the sports editor. Stripes, the tool used for the development of Language, is written in the Journalism class coordinated by Donna Wilson; Language teacher. Here, students are motivated to write editorials, conduct interviews, summarize newspaper-magazine articles, be creative in artwork, give an update on sports and inform others of field trip experiences. Basic newspaper terms are learned as well. The Stripes Staff is responsible for computer typing and lay out of the articles. Four issues of Stripes are distributed throughout each school year.

**Members toast to the newly formed French Club.**

Bonjour tout le monde!! The French Club is a new organization this year, developed as an extension of the French I class initiated this fall in the high school department. We study various aspects of French culture through fun activities like tasting French cheeses, preparing French crepes, viewing French movies, seeing slides of France, playing French games, and learning French sign language. 'A bientot.

# French Club

# Jr. CAD

**Left: Front Row:**
Angela Izzo
Elisa Velez
Amy Hoshina
**Middle Row:**
Jason Pickering
Pamela Giglio
Dino LaRacca
James Bumbala
Mark Sylvester
Brian Gruenberg
**Back Row:**
Wilmonda McDevitt
Robyn Biser
Carrie Zepperi
Tommy Lorello
Hiram Arroyo
Ms. Debbie Therrien, Advisor

The Junior Association of the Deaf (Jr. CAD) is an organization for junior and senior high school students, affiliated with the Junior National Association of the Deaf. Our parent organization is the National Association of the Deaf (NAD).

The major objectives of Jr. CAD are: 1) to promote the abilities of deaf youth, 2) to encourage involvement of deaf young people in affairs that affect and serve them, 3) to encourage involvement of young deaf people in their local communities, 4) to get the general public acquainted with deaf youth's needs, 5) to provide young deaf people with opportunities to work and compete with students from other schools/programs, 6) to get young deaf people acquainted with successful national deaf leaders, and 7) to provide deaf youth opportunities to contribute to each other's total growth through mutual exchange of ideas.

# Bookstore

ASD Bookstore is currently managed by Jr CAD members. They alternate working responsibilities in the daily operations. They learn how to serve customers and increase their sale experiences. Students also are responsible for ordering all different items like mugs, T-shirts, jogging outfits and different sign language books. Come and visit our bookstore!!

Debbie Therrien

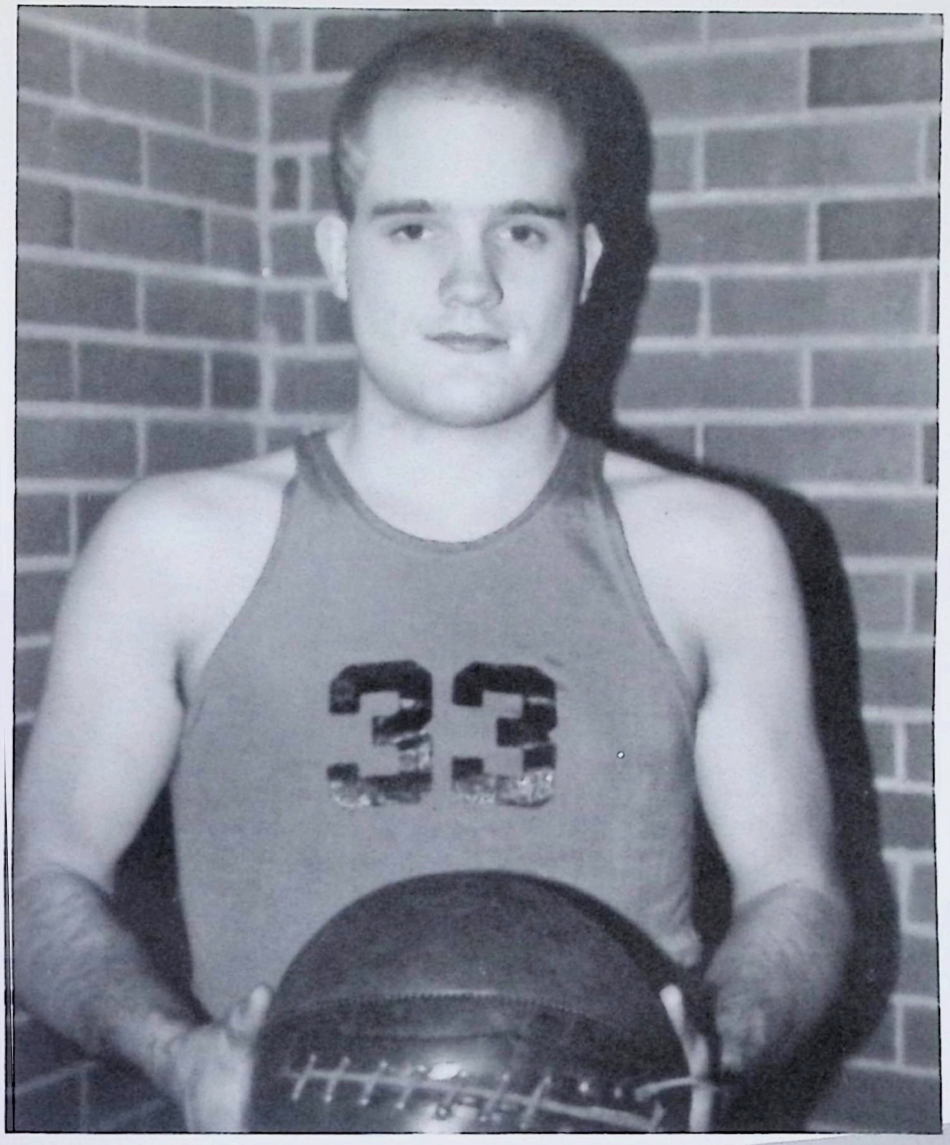
# Class Officers

**JUNIOR:**
Robyn Biser, President
Richard Novack, Vice Pres.
Lee Williams, Secretary
James Bumbala, Treasurer
Ms. June McMahon, Advisor
**Not pictured:**
Mr. Greg Greco, Advisor
Ms. Jean LaRoche, Advisor

**SOPHOMORE:**
Heidi Clemmey, President
Patty Molinari, Vice Pres.
Cynthia Connors, Secretary
Maria Cardoso, Secretary
Fatima Silvestre, Treasurer
Patty Garcia, Sergeant-at-Arms
**Not pictured:**
Ms. Nancy Zurek, Advisor
Ms. Patricia Compton, Advisor
Mr. Tom Meehan, Advisor

**FRESHMEN:**
**Front:**
Marlene Crawford, Sergeant-at-Arms
**Back:**
Wilmonda McDevitt, President
Carrie Zepperi, Vice Pres.
Jonathan Harucki, Secretary
Eric Bumbala, Treasurer
Ms. Debbie Therrien, Advisor
**Not Pictured**
Mr. Nat Wilson
Mr. Brad Moseley

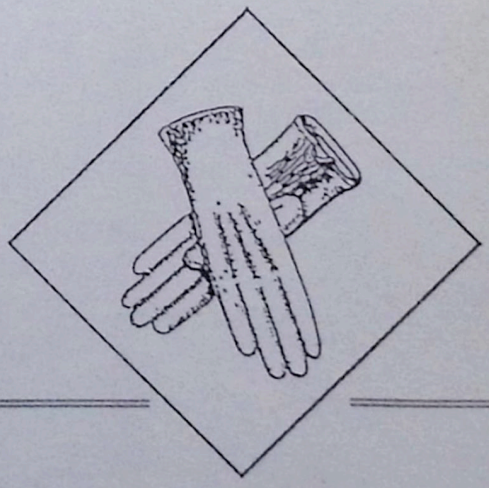
# Sports



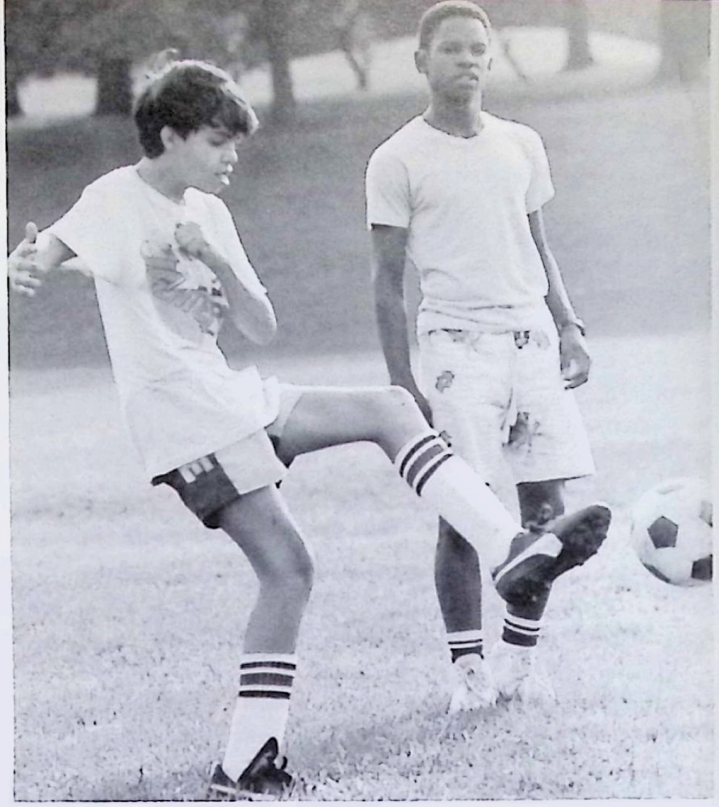
Senior **Shawn Dion** shows off his comtemporary hair style while holding a not so contemporary style of basketball.

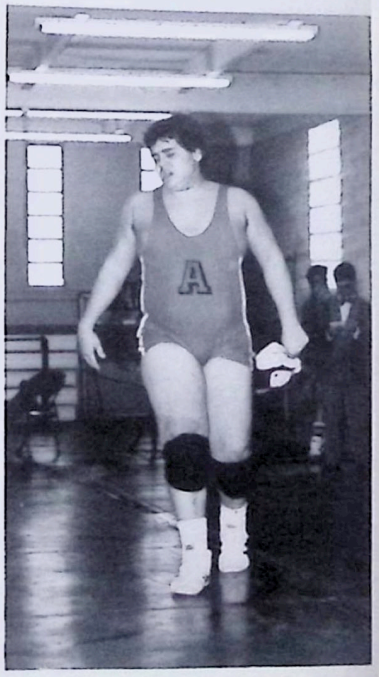
Athletics and afterschool sports programs are an important part of ASD's success story. The combination of an excellent coaching staff and the enthusiasm of our students make a winning combination.

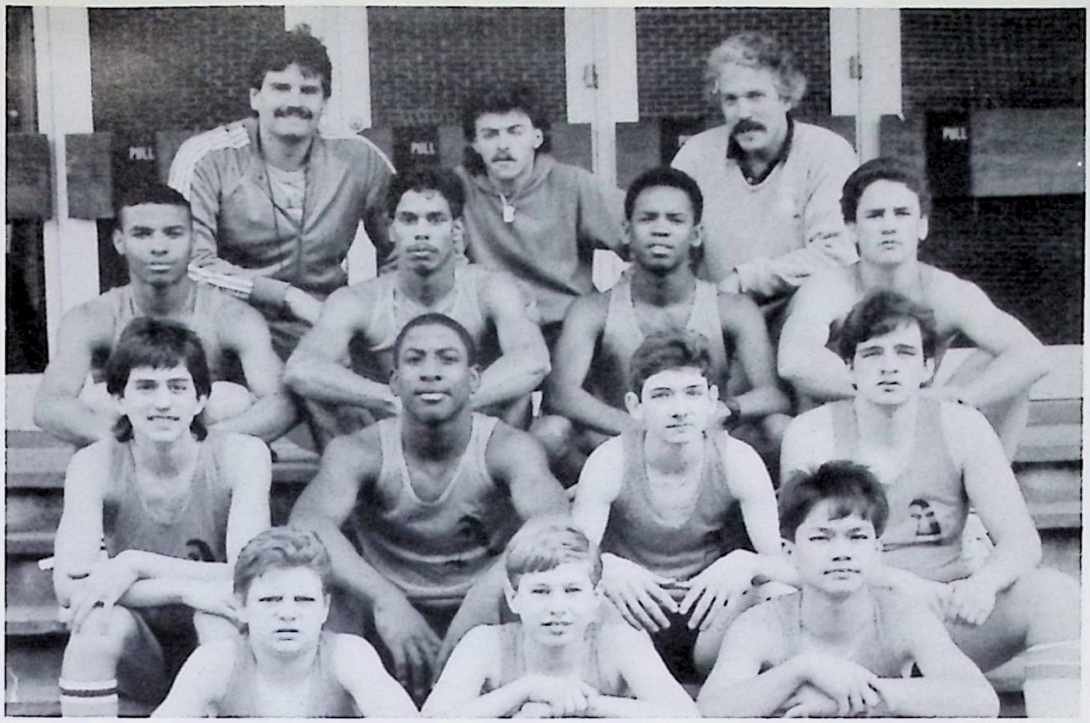
ASD students are known for their fine sportsmanship and athletic skills. Our team sports are something to be proud of and we all know ASD SPIRIT runs high.



# The Tigers







**Row One:** Louis DiCapua, Jonathan Harucki, Brian Gruenberg **Row Two:** Robert Raymond, Carlton Johnson, Eric Bumbala, Mark Sylvester **Row Three:** Edgar Soares, Pedro Rodriquez, Harvey Williams, Nick Testone **Row Four:** Lou Volpintesta, Coach, Ottavio Naccarato, Manager, Dave Woodward, Assistant Coach.

# Track

# Softball

**Seated:** Patty Molinari **Row Two:** Heidi Clemmey, Wilmonda McDevitt **Row Three:** Elisa Velez, Fatima Silvestre, Carrie Zepperi, Wendy Clemmey, Wynee Burks, Marqui Wright, Delores Bradley. **Not Pictured:** Dennis Palka, Coach.

| ASD | | Opponent |
|---|---|---|
| 18 | Hall HS (JV) | 9 |
| 18 | Emmanuel Christian | 12 |
| 6 | Watkinson | 12 |
| 13 | Masters School | 13 |
| 12 | Watkinson | 11 |
| 3 | NYSD (Rome) | 23 |
| 9 | Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf | * |
| 6 | NYSD (Rome) | 23 |
| 8 | Kingswood | 6 |
| 11 | Masters School | 17 |

*Tournament at ASD. ASD placed second.

## VARSITY

**Row One:** Wilmonda McDevitt. Delores Bradley, Heidi Clemmey, Wynee Burks, Carrie Zeppari **Row Two:** Wendy Clemmey, Lee Williams, Nancy MacDougall, Fatima Silvestre, Keecha Parker **Row Three:** Angel Armedo, Asst. Coach; Carmelia Freeman, Manager, Cindy Paluch, Coach.

# Volleyball

**The Volley Players** are alertly awaiting the opponent team's serve.

## JR. VARSITY

**Row One:** Patty Garcia, Jamie Lakota, Vonnie Hart **Row Two:** Marqui Wright, Patty Molinari, Elise Crawford **Row Three:** Lee Williams, Keecha Parker **Row Four:** Angela Armedo, Coach.

## VARSITY

**Row One:** Ottavio Naccarato, Manager, Ivan Rodriquez, Roberto Maldonado, Brian Gruenberg, Fernando Silvestre, Jonathan Harucki, Richard Novack, Jason Pickering, John Feeney **Row Two:** Mike Muszynski, Coach, Dino LaRacca, Brad Cushman, Nick Testone, Ryan Biser, Jamy Pettigrew, Jonathan Williams, Carlton Johnson, Eric Bumbala, Mark Sylvester, Harvey Williams, Lou Volpintesta, Asst. Coach.

# Soccer

## JUNIOR TEAM

**Row One:** Joey Giuca, Greg Podlaha, Carlos Ortiz, Ben Hoshina, Jimmy Collannino, Michael Carrasquillo, Michael Ayala **Row Two:** Barry Turner, Coach; Deepak Gothi, Chad Biskupiak, Alex DeJesus, Luis Rosario **Row Three:** Michael Hodgson, Elwin Espinosa, Kevin Bumbala, Tony Berrigan, Manny Mendes.

**Jamy Pettigrew** safely guards the ball from entering ASD's goal by swiftly kicking it away.

The opposing player leaps over **Nick Testone** in his attempt to take control of the ball.

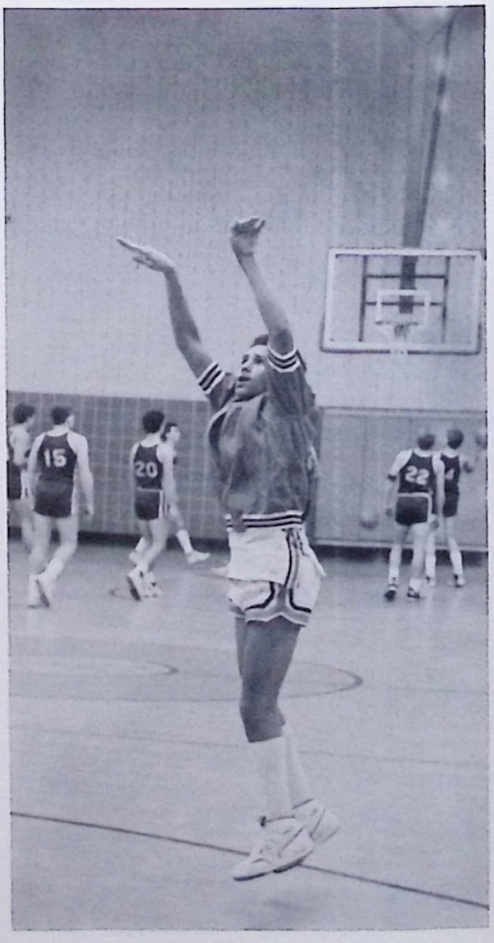
**Row One:** Dennis Berrigan, Caoch, Brian Gruenberg, Ivan Rodriquez, Jamy Pettigrew, Nick Testone, Ryan Biser, Jonathan Williams, Tommy Lorello, Efrain Vasquez, Harvey Williams, Eric Bumbala, Edgar Soares, Lou Volpintesta, Coach **Row Two:** Ottavio Naccarato, Manager, Pedro Rodriquez, Manager, Mark Sylvester, Scorekeeper.

# Boy's Basketball

| ASD | | Opponent |
|---|---|---|
| 46 | Emmanuel Christian | 63 |
| 88 | Watkinson | 64 |
| 60 | Hartford Christian | 42 |
| 52 | Mary Immaculate | 53 (ot) |
| 84 | Austine | 62 |
| 54 | Rhode Island | 47 |
| 28 | Emmanuel Christian | 65 |
| 65 | Mary Immaculate | 55 |
| 55 | NYSD | 70 |
| 63 | Austine | 41 |
| 40 | Watkinson | 78 |
| 70 | Forman | 50 |
| | Westwoods Christian | |

**Above: Harvey Williams** carefully aims the ball as he takes a foul shot.

**Right:** During the pregame warm-up, Ivan Rodriquez shows the correct stance used to shoot from the outside.



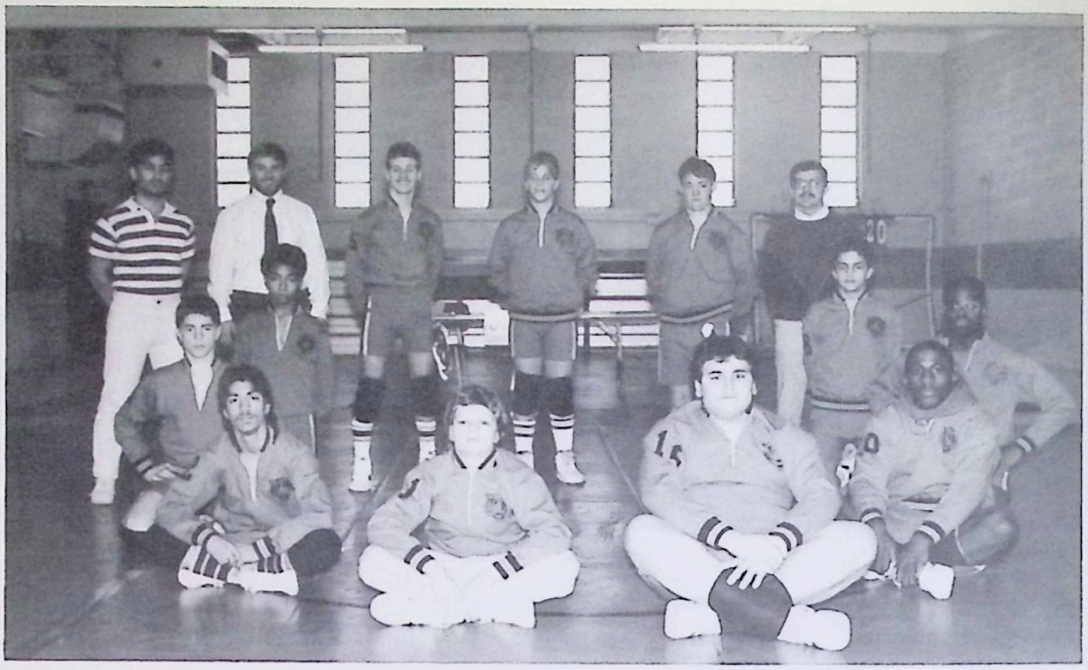
**Row One:** Delores Bradley **Row Two:** Mike Musyznski, Coach, Wynee Burks, Keecha Parker, Carrie Zepperi, Heidi Clemmey, Wilmonda McDevitt, Fatima Silvestre,
Elise Velez, Dennis Palka, Asst. Coach.

# Girls' Basketball

**Left: Wilmonda McDevitt,** #22, frantically attempts to block her opponent's shot.

**Left: Dennis Palka** gives a pep talk during a time-out.

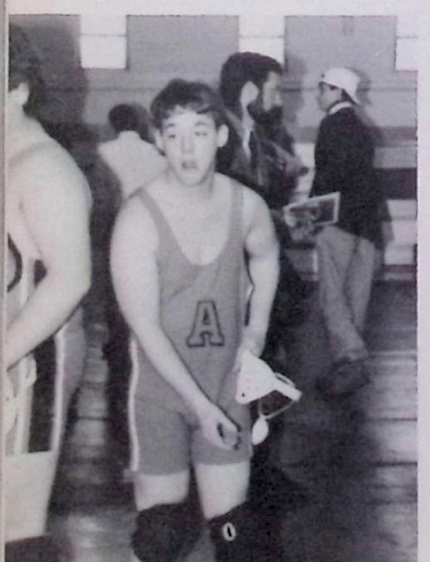
**Left: Heidi Clemmey** takes the last second to aim her shot before releasing the ball.

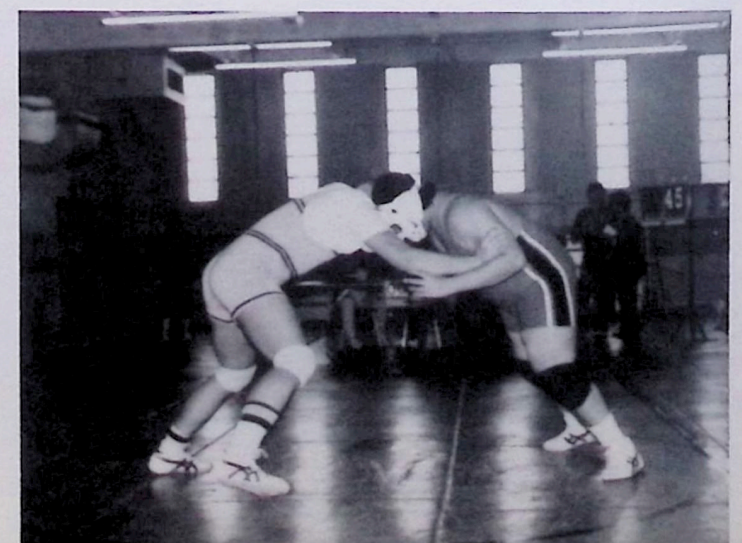


**Clockwise from back row, left:** Hiram Arroyo, Manager, Eric Spath, Asst. Coach, James Bumbala, Albert Miller, Michael Alger, Neil Robinson, Coach, John Feeney, Terry Freeman, Carlton Johnsom, Dino LaRacca, Louis DiCapua, Roberto Maldonado, Jason Klein, Michael Ayala.

# Wrestling

| ASD | | Opponent |
|---|---|---|
| 18 | Kingswood | 58 |
| 12 | McTernan | 60 |
| 30 | Kent | 45 |
| 33 | NYSD | 30 |
| 25 | Lexington | 42 |
| 6 | Gunnery | 66 |
| 12 | Pomfret | 66 |





**Left:** After losing his match, **Mike Alger** shows pride for having given it his best try.

**Above:** A sequence of the photos above right: A victory for **Carlton Johnson.**

**Above right: Carlton Johnson** took himself into the position for a quick pin.

**BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS Row One:** Lee Williams, Captain, Sarah Foss, School Mascot, Gloria Hanley **Row 2:** Patricia Molinari, Wendy Clemmey, Drummer, Patricia Garcia **Row 3:** Sharon Shirley, Asst. Coach, Elise Crawford, Shawn Dion, Cheri Burkhead, Coach.

# Cheerleaders

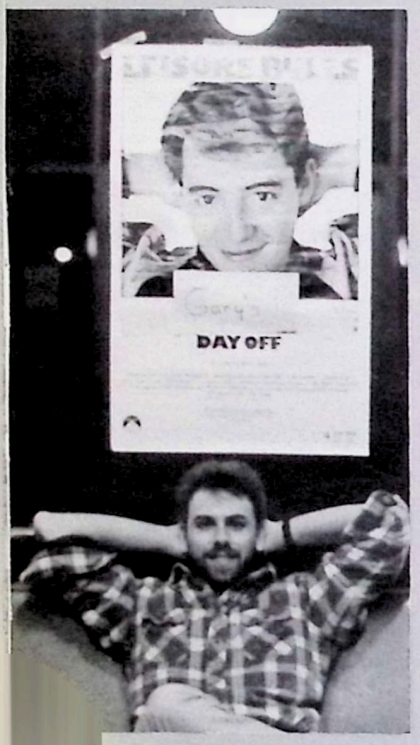
Our Basketball Cheerleaders for the 1987-88 season worked hard supporting their team and encouraging them to victory.

They were creative and came up with many new cheers. Lee Williams, our captain, and Shawn Dion our co-captain kept the cheerleaders in the spirit.

I am truly pleased to have worked with a great group of ladies. Their spirit and hard work was greatly appreciated.

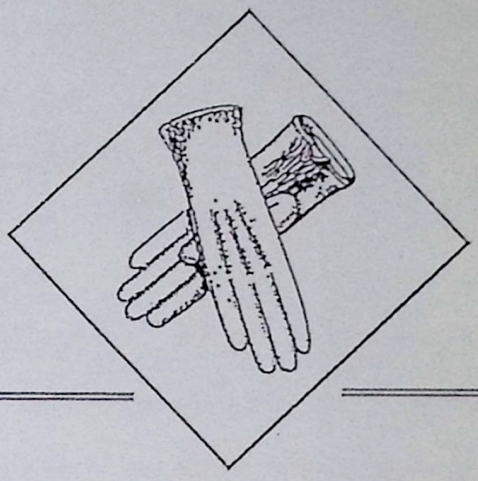
Cheri Burkhead

The **ASD fans** cheered loudly in response to an awesome two-point shot.



# Our Staff

Seniors **Delores Bradley** and **Nancy MacDougall** take a pause from their hot gossip to pose for a snapshot.



A good time is being had by the **Holt dorm residents** as they play a game of table soccer, their favorite pasttime.

ASD is fortunate to have a very fine Student Life Program. Every effort is made to ensure our students ability to develop life skills, social skills, leadership and self-pride.

Our independent living program teaches livin skills that are necessary f independence, organiz tions help develop leade ship and dormitorys dis play warm homelike atmospheres. Fun and learning are side by side in our Student Life Program

# Student Life

**Below: Debbie Therrien** challenges herself at the block building as other charity goers look on.

Inspite of the earmuffs and radiant smile we all know **June Terry** is up to some devious trick.

# Valentine Party

Sponsoring its 3rd annual Valentine's Carnival on February 14, 1987, the PACES Residential Life Program greeted many students into the gallery of Gallaudet Hall Chapel. The participants engulfed themselves in games of challenge and a real opportunity to display an act of giving.

Louis DiCapua and Jennifer Carrier were named Valentine King and Queen of the '87 Carnival.

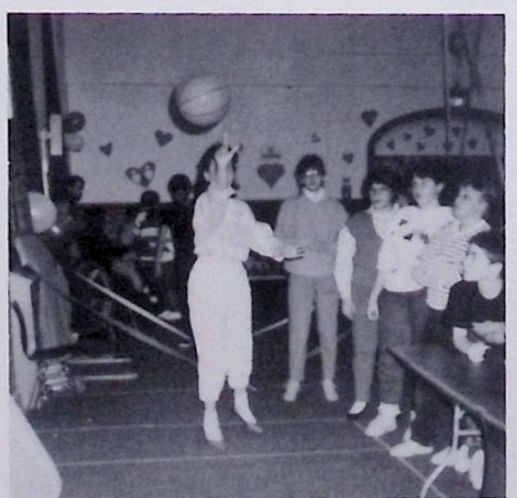
Proceeds of the event went to the Shirley Frank Foundation and to the PACES Residential Life Program.

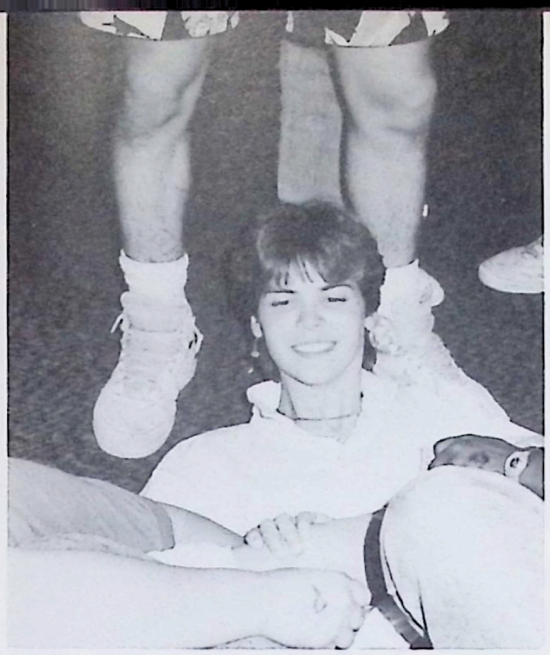
Ronald Davis

**Above Right: Betsy Denorfia** kept the prizes stocked on the table in exchange for the tokens earned at the individual games.

**Right:** Aw, too bad, this shot is definitely too short.

**Far Right:** Trying to earn more tokens, **Lee Williams** tries to score at the basketball shooting booth.





**Left:** the class of 1990's sponsor **Nancy Zurek** smiles after being showered with colorful leis as they pile up around her neck.

**Far Left: Robyn Biser** enjoys one of the many games. Hey, whose are those hairy legs???

**Below Left:** Dressing in a cool Hawaiian shirt and accessories, **Peter Magistri** successfully maneuvers under the bamboo pole in Limbo.

# Hawaiian Night

Come dressed in your best Hawaiian print shirt and rest under the palm trees! Oh yes....don't forget to bring your best shades (sunglasses). The Class of 1990 hosted their first party last April with the theme of Hawaii! Dancing, hula contests and various other games were part of the evening festivities. It was easy to spot a member of the class as they all wore colorful leis. The "visit" to Hawaii was short but we all had a fun time!

Nancy Zurek, Advisor

**Left: Edgar Soares** inches his way under the bamboo pole.

**Above: Jamy Pettigrew** grimaced as he attempted the difficult task.

**Debra Boutwell**, '87 graduate, **Edgar Sampson** and **Winfield McChord**, executive director, stand in position as they await a cue to lay down the wreath.

# Deaf Heritage Week

The American School for the Deaf celebrated the history and heritage of deaf and hearing impaired Americans during Deaf Heritage Week, April 11-15, with speakers, exhibits, class projects and visits to the school's Loy Golladay History Room. On Friday, April 15, we laid wreaths at the Founders' statues to commorate the 171st anniversary of the day we first opened. In December, 23 celebrated the 200th birthday of the Reverend Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet.

Winfield McChord

# Jr. Marshalls

Each year one boy and one girl from the Junior class are selected to serve as Junior Marshalls. These honored students will lead the graduating class in procession at the Commencement Exercises on June 16, 1988. They will carry a standard with "88" on top of it. These students are chosen by the graduating class, Academic and Vocational teachers, and the Administration. Selection is based on certain criteria such as: they must be outstanding students, participate in extra-curricular activities, possess leadership qualities and have good attitudes. Janet Vasquez and Hiram Arroyo were chosen to lead the Class of 1987 on their graduation day on June 18, 1987.

**Janette Vasquez and Hiram Arroyo** led the graduating class of '87 as the Jr. Marshalls in the procession.

**Bottom Left: Robyn Biser** and **Wendy Clemmey** keep their watchful eyes on the ball.

**Bottom Middle: Louis DiCapua** seems to be trying to alert the lifeguard of his tube having a leak.

**Bottom Right:** Team B lines up for the "GO" signal to start the splashful battle.

# Water Tube Polo

In September 19, 1987, the upper school students participated in the first Water Tube Polo at the Ward Swimming pool. It was a great opportunity for them to play in the water on a team against team basis.

There was a lot of splashing, kicking, fighting and ball stealing as the players tried to put the ball into the goal. Poor Efrain Vasquez and Nick Testone failed to make a single goal, thanks to their opposing player, Tommy Lorello, who blocked them very successfully.

It was a memorable game for all who participated that evening.

**Right: Neil Tabbert** mistakely announced **Fern Reisinger** as the third princess.

**Right:** Seniors **Shawn Dion** and **Mark Sylvester** read the clue in hope to find the lead to the "body" of Thomas Gallaudet.

**Below: William "Sully" Sullivan** looked horrified when we caught him red-handed as he attempted to sneak in the "body" of Mr. Gallaudet to hide.

# Spirit Week

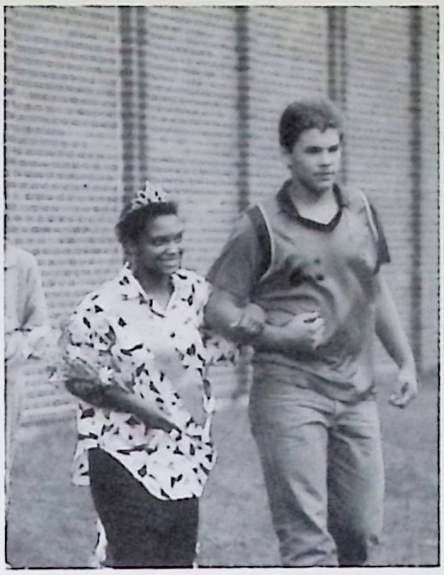
**Above:** The homecoming queen and the court posed in gaze shortly after the announcement.

**Top Right:** The gang thoroughly enjoyed activities during the Spirit Week.

**Right:** The "wild" group made interesting facial expressions.

Below: It was an exciting Homecoming event for students, staff and alumnis.

Right: Senior **Tommy Lorello** escorted **Delores Bradley**, Homecoming queen.



Below: Senior **Ottavio Narracato**, manager, and **Ryan Biser** watched to be sure **Nick Testone** tied his shoes properly and secured.

# Homecoming

Homecoming "87 was kicked off with a poster night. All of the students brought their homemade posters to the student dining room and were on display for Homecoming Week. The winning posters belonged to Richard Novack and Patty Garcia. On Wednesday evening, the students were divided into teams and played a mystery scavenger hunt in search of "Gallaudet" body. The week culminated with a dance at which the homecoming queen and court were announced as follows:

Queen - Delores Bradley
Princesses - Pamela Giglio
Janet Vasquez
Angela Izzo

**Above Left: Wilmonda McDevitt** and **Robyn Biser** signed the national anthem before the kick-off.

**Far Left** The opponent players struggled with each other to get to the ball.

**Left: Nick Testone** escorted the first princess, senior **Pamela Giglio.**

**Left: Mark Sylvester** escorted Janette Vasquez, the second princess to the platform.

**Below:** Disguised as a zebra is **Barbara French.**

**Far Right:** Guess who dressed as Sister Maria. It was **Lee Williams**, can you imagine?!

**Right: Jessica Shirley,** as a new hatched chick, won an award for the most creative costume.

**Far Below: Eric Bumbala,** dressed as a wolf, won the most scarriest costume.

# Halloween

The members of Jr. CAD hosted Halloween party on October 27th in the old gym. The little monsters from Cogswell Building came to join us. Paces had a fantastic haunted house built to haunt each of us who bravely walked through it. The old gym was decorated with lot of pumpkins and streamers. Also, we had a bake sale which was a great success. It was a great enjoyable evening for everyone. The winners for the best costume were as follows: Ryan Biser for most funniest, Eric Bumbala for most scariest, and Jessica Tanner for most creative.

Debbie Therrien, Advisor

# Apple Festival

Class of 1991 decided to host a different kind of event which was called Apple Festival. We played all games with apples. Boy! what a fun event! One game that we played was a laughter inducer! The winners of the games received Gally T-shirt, Gally duffle bag and frisbee. It was a successful event.

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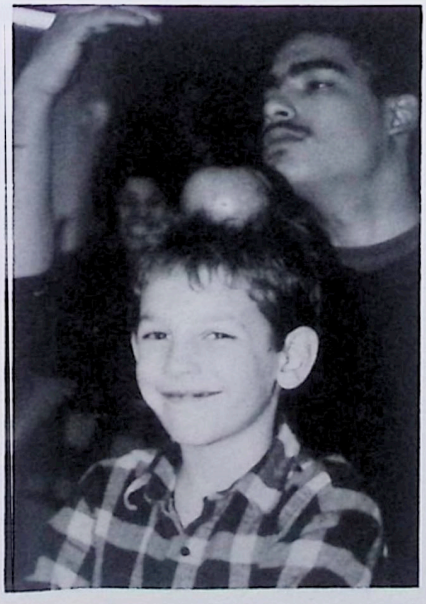


**Top:** It seems that **Eric Bumbala** couldn't eat enough apples.

**Above Left:** Senior **Jennifer Carrier** sticked out her tongue to balance her apple.

**Above:** Senior **Angela Izzo** gave **Teddy Latour** a hearty hug.

**Above Right:** One of the apple games enjoyed by many at the party.

**Right:** Senior **Pedro Rodriquez** had a peculiar way of carrying apples.

**Above: Chad Biskupiak** stood still for Robin hood to make his aim.

**Right:** The crowd danced to the vibration of the music.

**Far Right: Jean LaRoche** and **John Talaga** were all smiles for the picture taking.

**Below:** Wouldn't it be nice to wear these sharp outfits to class everyday?

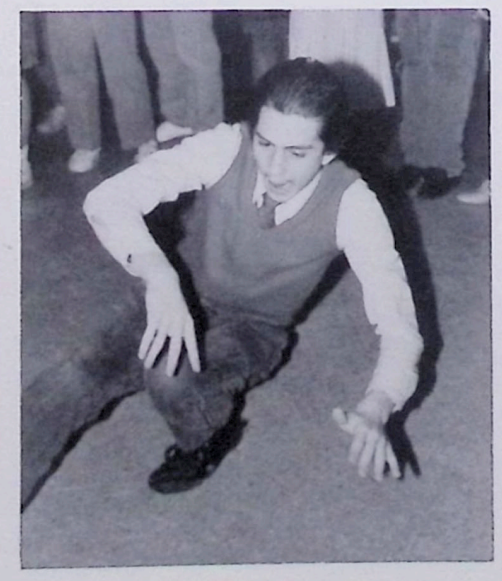
# Dream Of A White Christmas

Our dear Santa Claus arrived ASD to spread his Christmas spirits and joys in the Rockwell Gym on Thursday, December 17. 1988.

The room, dimmed and illuminated in green and red lights reflecting from the rotating mirror ball hanging from the high ceiling, was filled with merriful people whose feet didn't cease to tap to the vibration of the music. The raffle tickets were drawn, of which the prizes were given away to many lucky winners. Unfortunately, the prom had to come to an end for the "Silent Night". Everyone went home, contented and tired, for the sack time.

**Above:** The game, **"Follow the leader"**, is a favorite part of the activity in most events held at ASD.

**Right: Robert Raymond** entertained the crowd by doing the breakdancing.

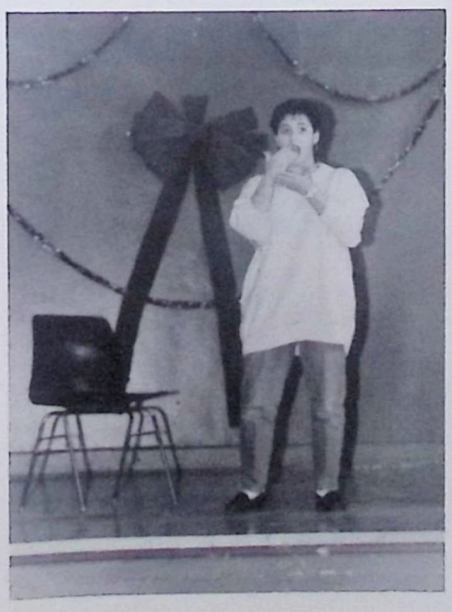


**Right:** Being a serious dancer, senior **Karie Greene** did the steps gracefully.

**Below: Albert Miller** had a secret present hidden under his arms for his girlfriend?

**Right: Carrie Zepperi** giggled when **James Bumbala** asked her what she wants for Christmas.

# Christmas Play



**Left: Elisa Velez** described her childhood excitement when she saw the presents under the Christmas tree.

**Above:** The observers admired **Cynthia Connors'** presentation of a *Christmas Story*.

# New Years Eve — 1988

On January 6, 1988, the C.A.D. hosted the first New Year's Eve party for the students at the American School for the Deaf, in the Chapel. It was a time for students to see each other after the holidays and enjoy an evening of fun, games, music and refreshments. A special cake and ginger ale was consumed by most of the students. At 9:00, a special toast was given to celebrate the "New Year." Mark Sylvester and James Bumbala turned out in costume marking the passing of the old year and the entrance of 1988.

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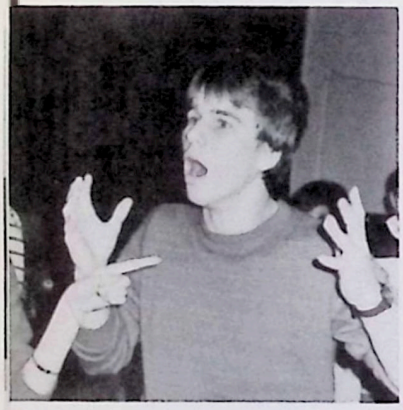
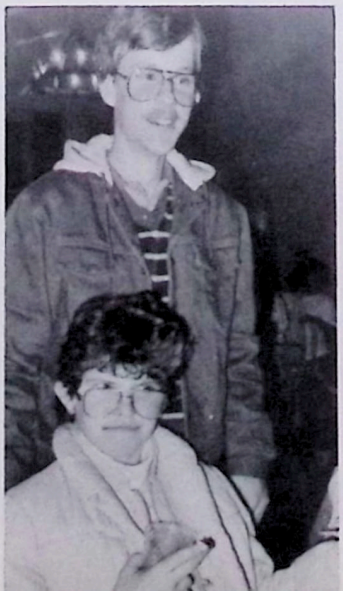


**Above: Jamy Pettigrew** couldn't believe he was disqualified from the game.

**Right:** The love birds, **Cheryl Casey** and **Michael Alger** cuddled up for the picture.

**Above:** The sophisticated young couple **Marqui Wright and Jason Klein** upstaged the evening.



**Above right: Mark Sylvester** dressed as a Father Time while **James Bumbala** dressed as Baby New Year '88.

**Left:** Suspicious **Candy Winger** sensed that she was under the watchful eyes of senior **Todd Eiriksson.**

**Above:** Senior **Pedro Rodriquez** raced as his teammates cheered him on.

# Mime Show

**Far left: Bill Carwile** presented his very brilliant mime show for the entire student body.

**Left: Flemon Harrison** followed **Bill Carwile's** guidance in handling **William Sullivan.**

**Far left: Heidi Clemmey** participates in a game called "Buzz".

**Left: Lee Williams** and **Efrain Vasquez** struggle to pick up an "iron boy".

**Below left: Francis Cooney** tries to play a joke on **Fatima Silvestre** while the others watch the excitement.

# Pre-Super Bowl Party

The Pre-Super Bowl Party was held on January 28, 1988. The students and staff had the opportunity to share their football spirit.

During the party everyone participated in the toughest game called "Buzz". Everyone was divided into two groups in order to determine who the final challengers would be. Fatima Silvestre and Heidi Clemmey were the winners and became the challengers. This proved to be even harder to win, for fifteen minutes they played so hard to win this Super Bowl Game to receive a Super Bowl T-shirt. It was a very emotional game. Heidi won the game in the end.

It was a first pre-super bowl night to be remembered.

We, the Class of 1988, will sadly miss all of you, our friends, teachers, residential advisors and administrators.

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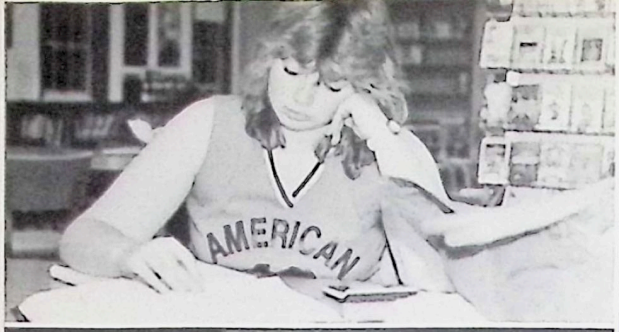
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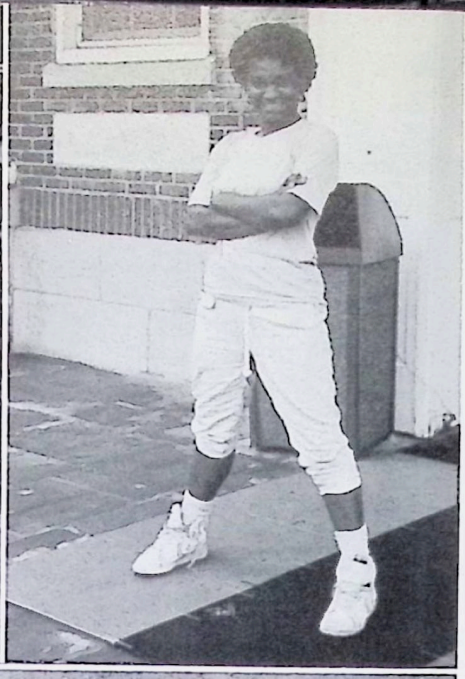

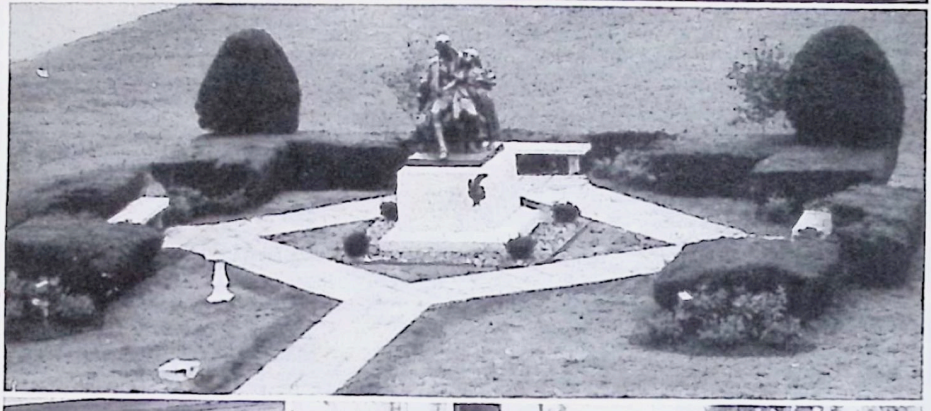

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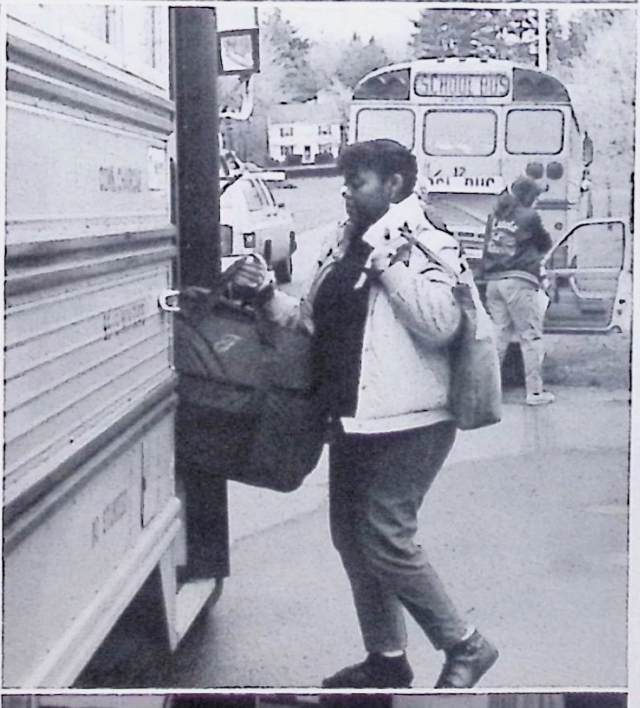
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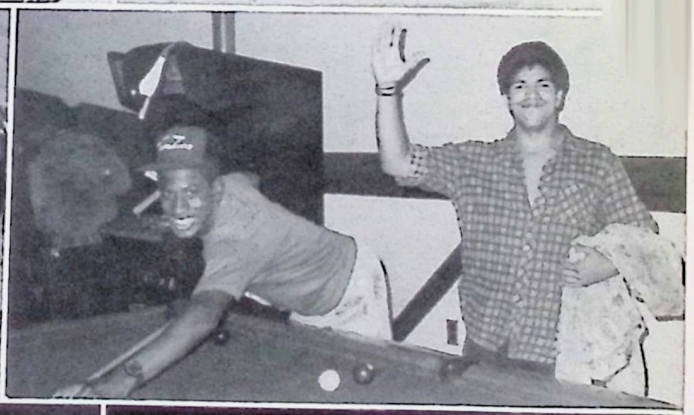

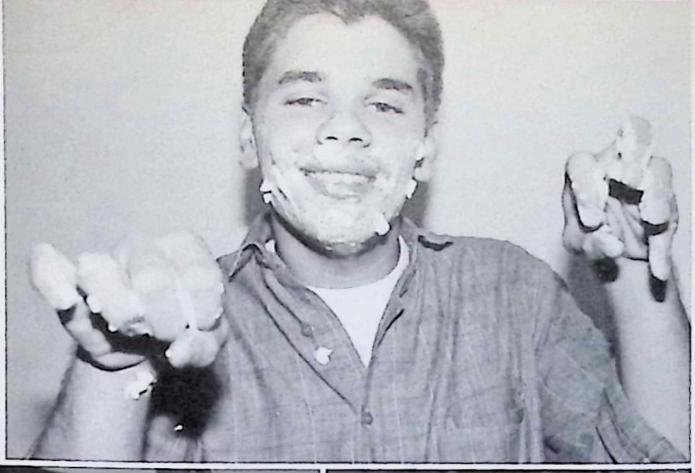

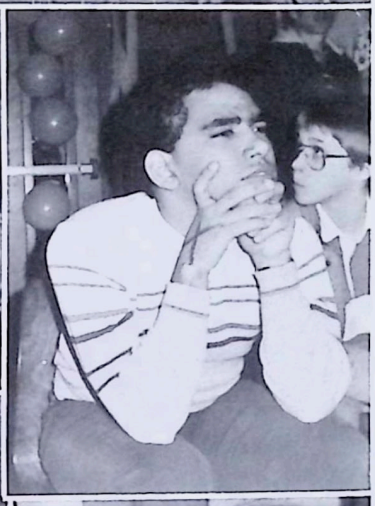
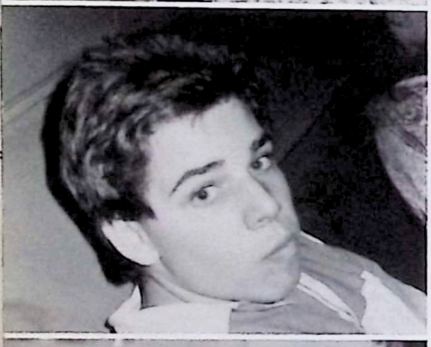

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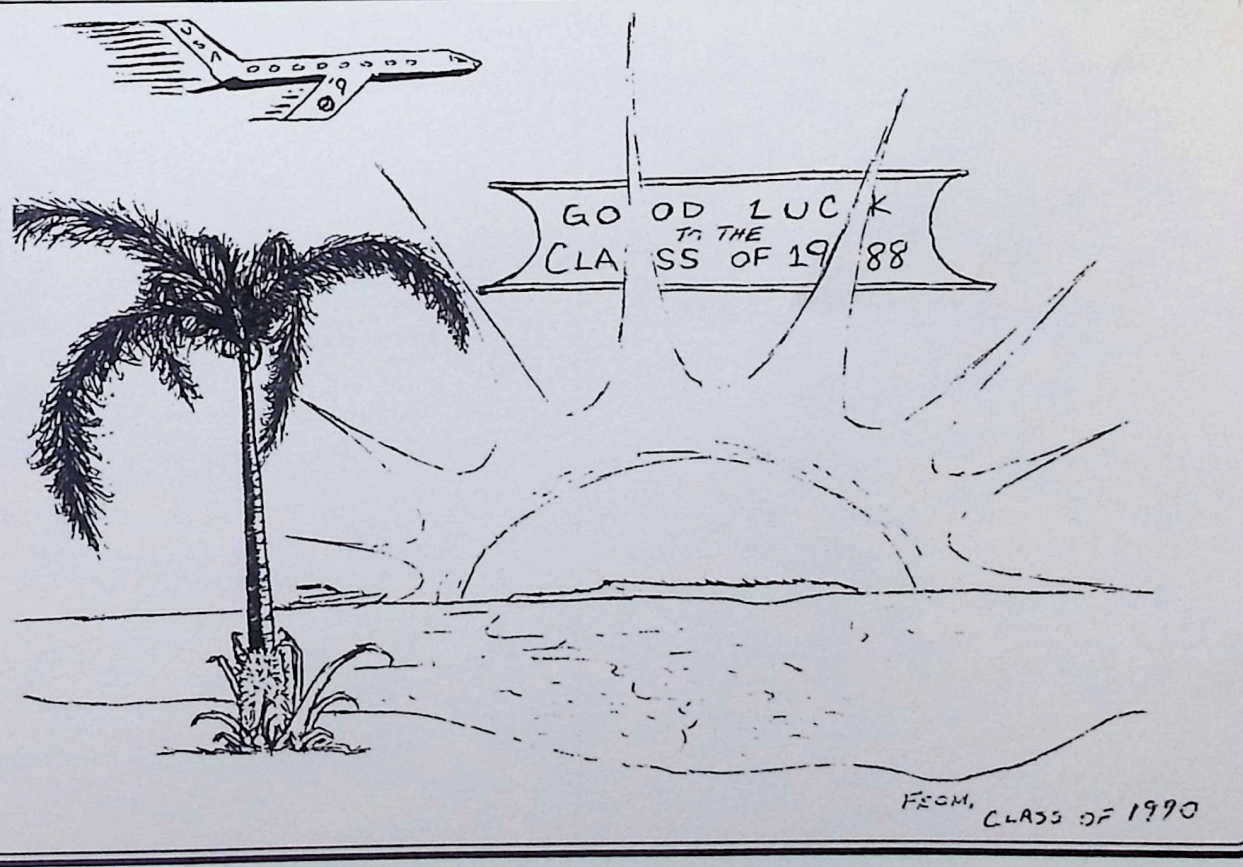

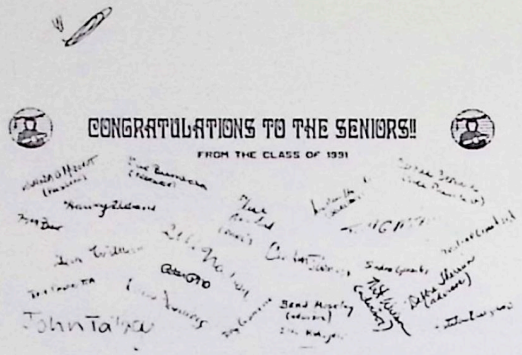


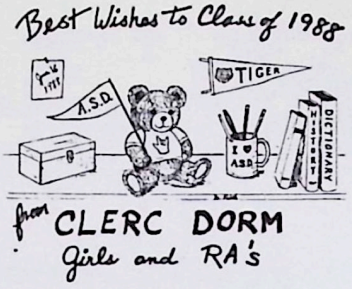


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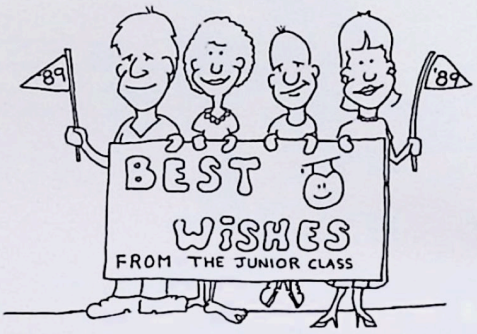

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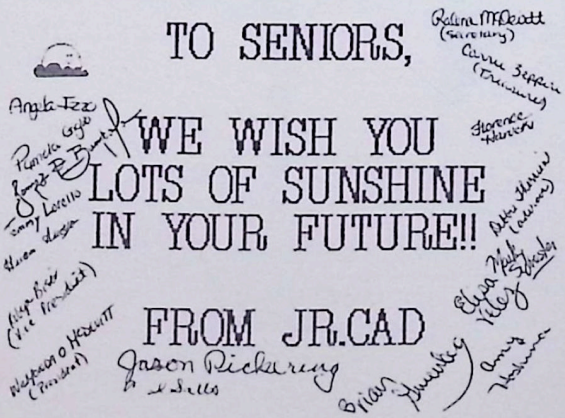

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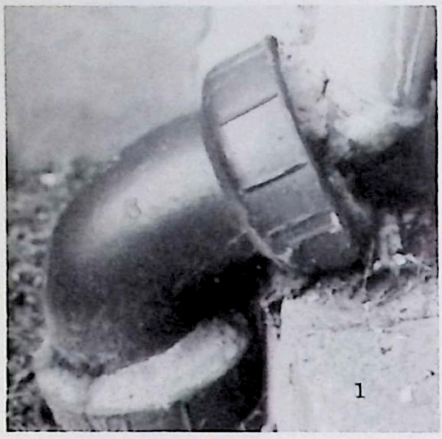
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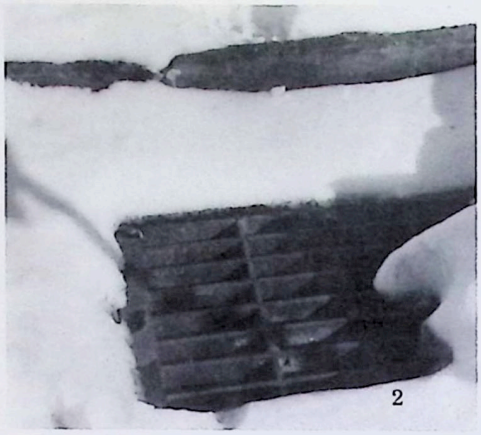
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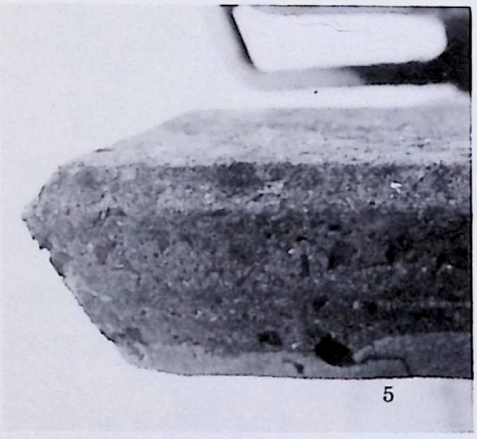
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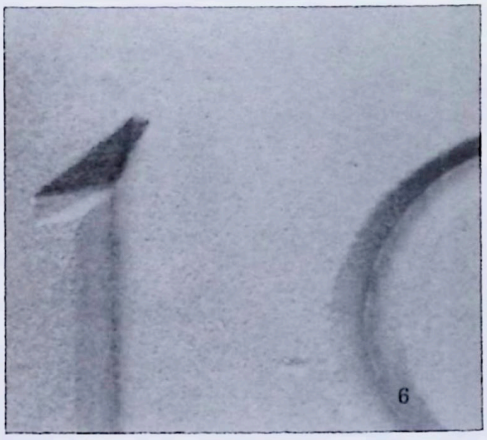
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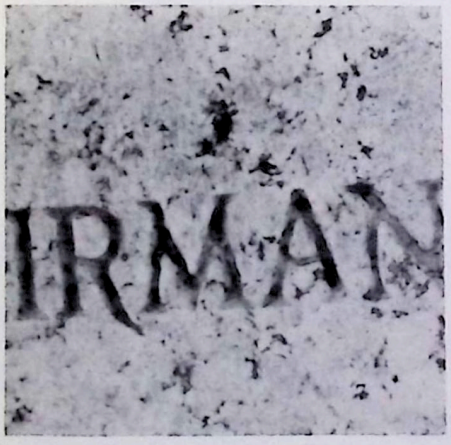


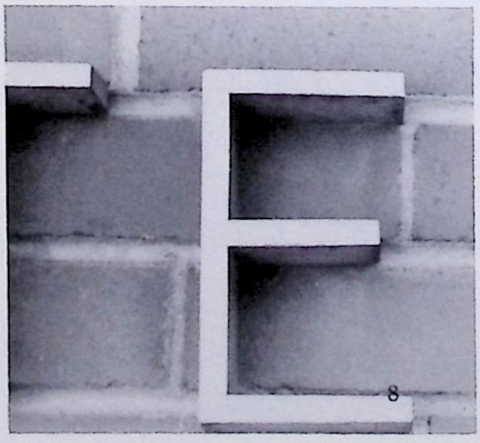
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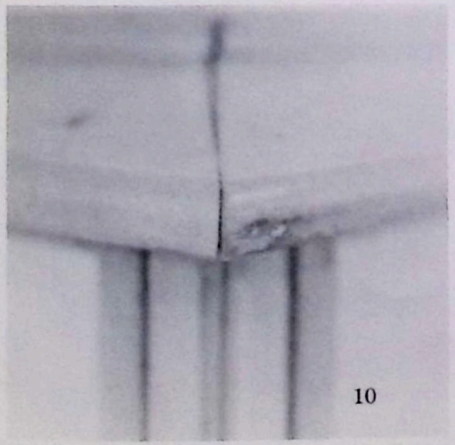
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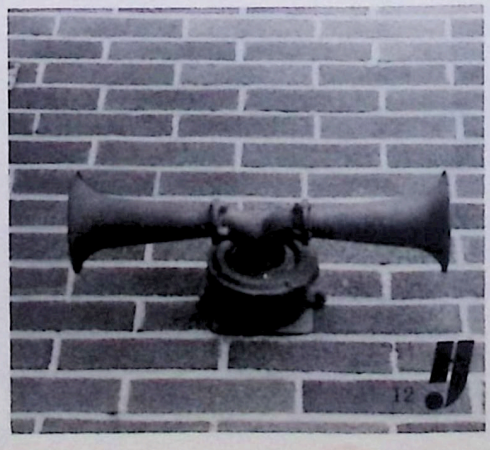
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